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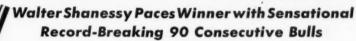
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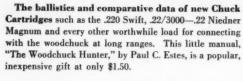
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S LATED for publication in an early issue is one of the best crowbunting stories we have yet seen. It is by Bert Popowski, who has an article in this present issue. Mr. Popowski is a rifleman, bunter, student of ballistics, and outdoor writer, and lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

One of our most enthusiastic, as well as scientifically minded, smallbore shooters is Russell Wiles, a prominent lawyer of Chicago. Mr. Wiles has written for us an article on the subject of windage, which should be read—and studied—by every lover of the grooved barrel. Be on the lookout for this article in an early issue—it may clear up some matters that have perplexed you.

The effect of age upon ammunition is an interesting study, and is a subject which concerns all users of firearms. Not much has been written about the effects of time and climate upon the cartridges we use, and we are glad to have an article on this subject by Van Allen Lyman, a Government engineer stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Lyman-who is an enthusiastic rifleman and bunter-bas lived in the Canal Zone for many years, and has had unusual opportunities for studying ammunition. His article will appear in an early issue.

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# Greetings

E wish to take this opportunity to greet all of our N. R. A. members, wherever they may be, and to wish them all the joy and happiness of the Christmas holiday season. We wish, also, to express to each and every one of you our sincere appreciation of, and gratitude for, the splendid loyalty and cooperation which have played so large a part in making the year 1938 the best in the history of The National Rifle Association. With your continued support we shall look ahead with confidence to still greater achievement.

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# TRY JACKRABBIT SHOOTING

By ALLYN H. TEDMON

TOO MANY OF OUR SPORTSMEN still believe that this is a nation of riflemen, and that skill as both riflemen and deer stalkers is an inherited American trait.

Not many moons ago I witnessed a number of these "natural-born" deer hunters as they strained their trusty thutty-thutties and Springfields in an effort to place just one bullet in a 20-inch bull's-eye at 200 yards, offhand. Yea, verily, even though they came in their clumping boots and fringed jackets, with open sights, peep sights, scope sights, a whole volume of 500-yard stories, and a packbasket bulging with alibis, many of them connected not, except by accident and chance. All offhand, rememberthe position that excels all others in the game field. And sad to relate, the majority blamed the shape of the buttplate, the cheese in the new moon, or a poor grade of whiskey for their poor shooting. It never dawned on them, apparently, that a little practice now and then, or possibly readjusting the sights, might have a very gratifying effect upon their ability to connect.

Outside of pure lack of training and practice, or dearth of game, one of the main reasons why many deer hunters come home empty handed is because they and their rifles are strangers. In other words, the unfortunate hunter may be over-gunned, the sights may not be set, or this particular rifle simply doesn't fit him, and he doesn't know it; yet he pays his money out for a trip, and so far as making good as a rifleman is concerned, he is disappointed.

Too often a rifle is just a rifle to this kind of fellow. He judges its power by the diameter of the bullet, and can't be convinced that the sights may need adjusting to fit his eyes; all of which is cockeyed, of course, but true nevertheless. What every deer hunter needs, and to be a successful game shot must have, is actual field rifle practice where surroundings will, as nearly as possible, simulate conditions as they exist in the game field. Ordinary target shooting as of the 1938 version will not do. Shooting at running-deer targets set up in natural surroundings is good; barrels, tubs, or the like rolled down rough, steep hills make not bad targets, that are hard to hit. Shooting at rocks or big cans on hillsides at unknown distances is good practice, when done against a watch. All of such shooting to be done offhand, of course, and with the regular deer rifle and full charges. And yet, while much benefit will come of this type of practice shooting, it doesn't compare with similar shooting at living targets; and here the oft-damned jackrabbit comes into the picture.

For years it has been the rule in this household, and also with Lynn Chilcote and Bob Lashbrook, hunting companions, to get in as much running-jackrabbit shooting with our deer rifles before the deer season opens, as possible. Thus we attempt to get all we can of actual field practice

—fast snap-shooting out in the wind, sun, or clouds, at game that jumps fast and lingers not. It is our annual tryout to see if the lever hand still follows the instantaneous orders of the eye and brain. Jackrabbits alone can give this test.

Jackrabbits resemble deer far more than the uninitiated may realize. They run, leap, and bound along very much as does a frightened buck. They are small marks and really hard to hit, though a close miss on one of them would in most cases be a hit on a buck. For this, and sundry other reasons, these long-eared, spindle-legged hares give a deer hunter, seasoned veteran or novice, an exceptional opportunity to prove his skill as a rifleman, and to test the fit of his deer rifle. Fact of the matter is, there is no place on earth where a misfit rifle will show up more quickly than when shooting at running jackrabbits.

Jackrabbit shooting is of course prairie shooting for the most part, and the necessity of slipping a bullet between half a dozen tree-trunks is not there. Other advantages, however, are present. For instance, when shooting in timber it is almost impossible to tell where your bullet goes if you miss; but when shooting at jackrabbits, in regular jackrabbit country, every shot is registered by a spout of dust. If your shot is high you know it, and how much. If you fail to lead enough, the spout of dust will be feet or even yards behind the bounding hare. In addition to this spotting service, that important element of surprise is always present, inasmuch as the flushed hare races away in a confusing, whirlwind rush. Here is a wonderful chance to practice getting off a well-aimed first shot-the kind of skill necessary to land on a buck as it bounds across a ridge. As a training school for handling the deer rifle, I know of nothing that excels this jackrabbit game.

Always use your big-game rifle, and don't be a pansy and snap off a mess of squib loads. There is no way in which the average deer hunter can spend a dollar and get so much in return as in burning a few boxes of full-charge factory ammunition on jackrabbits, before leaving for the deer hunt. I repeat: in this sort of practice use exactly the same load that you will use on the deer hunt. Following this sort of a system of preparation, you will never be so foolish as to take an untried rifle into the game field. And right here possibly a word or two on the type of rifle to be considered might be helpful.

The rifle that the deer hunter will do his best work with is the rifle that he likes best, and that fits him best. In the last few years we have had a decided change in stock styling for our rifles. Some of these stocks are much better than others, but practically all have been cut with a bolt-action rifle in mind. I can't agree with the designers of some of these stocks; in fact I personally can't shoot the darned



As a training school, I know of nothing better

Real jackrabbit country-cactus and jackrabbits

things with any comfort or speed. Just to call names, the fine Winchester bolt-action Model 70 is an impossible outfit for me. On the other hand, my friend Ed. Howard, the noted rifleman of North Park, Colorado, thinks I'm nutty and that that particular rifle is perfection. For me the Winchester Model 71 and Model 64 rifles handle perfectly, though my particular choice is a Savage Model 99, mainly because this rifle is head and shoulders above all others for scope mounting, has a very strong action, and is very fast. In bolt-actions I prefer the Remington Model 30S, it being exceptionally well stocked for the average fellow like me. I could go down the line of rifles, and name those that fit me and those that don't. Those that fit me I can do pretty good work with, but those that don't fit me are out. And this is true of every other rifle shooter, and is something that you fellows who are about to buy deer rifles had better recognize.

It is my suggestion that for deer shooting you get a rifle handling a cartridge of moderate power. Unless you are a trained rifleman and experienced in handling rifles with recoil, do not select one of the much-tooted Magnums; nor do you want a .348 Winchester. The .35 Remington and .300 Savage are both fine cartridges. If recoil bothers you, and you can hold and place your shots, you can't beat the .250 Savage. The much-damned, cussed, and praised .30-30 with the modern loads is one good choice, and will do its stuff if you do yours. The average deer hunter will do much better shooting with a rifle that doesn't buck and bawl all over the corral than with any of the late snoopersnoopers making the magazine covers each month. And, from years of observation in the hunting field in the West, it is quite evident to me that the fellow who does not choose to properly train himself for a bolt-action rifle, will do far better with an autoloader, a slide-action, or a tried-and-true lever-action rifle. Pay your money and take your choice,



but for Heck's sake don't start off with some rifle just because "it looked good in an ad."

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As to sights, well, the same remarks apply. Generally speaking, an aperture rear sight is much to be preferred, with a bead front sight. This bead may be white, gold, And right here let me say "O.K." for King's red-bead front sight with the reflector base. While I have used white beads for the most part, yet a red bead has some advantages not possessed by the white. The bead should be at least 1/16-inch in diameter, and for snap-shooting -especially in timber-a 3/32-inch bead is to be preferred. But this should be decided by test, preferably on jackrabbits. The rear aperture should be just as close to the eye as possible, and on rifles of moderate recoil such as the .250 Savage, .30-30, etc., a tang sight is miles ahead of any receiver sight ever made. Believe it or not, many and many an old-time .45-70 Winchester was fitted with a Lyman tang sight. A tang sight will not bat you in the face if you keep your face where it belongs, which isn't poked up the grip of the rifle.

Jackrabbits break cover and tear away with a rush, and cannot be picked up in the field of a short-eye-relief telescope at all, especially those powers of over 4 or 5. With such scopes as the 348 Lyman, Malcolm (with regular relief), and the Winchester 5A, the running animal can be picked up in the field fairly well if-and only if-your rifle fits, out around 40 or 50 yards. Last fall I hit two jacks, running, one at 40 yards and the other at full 80 long paces, using my Winchester 5A in Malcolm "C" mounts. Not long ago I was shooting at jacks and using my Weaver 29S scope in the Redfield Junior mount, and found it at least four times as easy to pick the animals up in the field of this scope as in that of the 5A. Of course any of the higher-priced, large-field hunting scopes would be ideal, provided that they were mounted right down on the rifle as Weaver and Redfield mount them. But if such a scope were perched way up above the barrel, as so many are mounted, it would not help much on running jackrabbits, regardless of the quality of the scope itself.

In shooting jackrabbits, be a good sportsman and take every shot, regardless of how it comes along. The easiest shots are those running across your front. With cartridges having velocities of from 2500 to 3000 feet, or over, don't over lead. Generally speaking, the width of a 1/16-inch bead is lead enough for a fast bullet at 50 or 60 yards. Straight-away shots are not too hard if you hold on the rabbit's ears, or head. Quartering shots away to right or left are quite difficult, and when the jack jumps up and tears off from behind, and you whirl to fire, don't cuss when you miss. This is a very difficult shot.

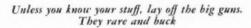
Watch your animal carefully after you fire, as a broken leg means nothing to these jacks. Last winter I hit one, but as it didn't roll I thought I had missed. But my son, who was with me, saw a leg flop. On over the cut bank we hiked, and sure enough, after trailing along a couple of hundred yards, we located the poor cripple, and a second shot put him out of his misery. The bullet had smashed the right hind leg, but the hare had never flinched. I have had them keep going even after being hit hard with a cast 67-grain .25-20 bullet at 1700 feet velocity or better. But let me repeat that this is a deer-rifle game, and not something for the plinker.

Jackrabbits are so numerous that they are classed as vermin, and are poisoned, murdered in circle drives with clubs, mowed down with shotguns—anything to kill them. In other words, in a jackrabbit country you should, if you use a little common sense, get plenty of shooting.

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Look where you shoot, and shoot where you look







The author checks scope settings against notes taken in the field

# BULLETS IN FLIGHT

By BERT POPOWSKI

In preparing this article the writer had two definite purposes in mind. The first was to develop a formula by which wind drift could be computed on the basis of specific factors of individual loads. The second was to add something to the generally accepted manner of figuring bullet drop from known trajectory figures.

#### Part I-WIND DRIFT

Even a casual observer will admit that as many shots are missed because of wind drift as go astray because of vertical error, either in holding or sight setting. While the figures for calculating wind drift are readily available to anyone interested, they are not in common use as such and are little understood. The writer will herein present a tested method by which the wind drift of any cartridge may be readily ascertained by anyone, through the use of the common ballistics tables which are gladly furnished by all leading ammunition companies.

In addition to a ballistics table covering the cartridge to be investigated you will need to know the velocity of the wind, and its direction in relation to the lay of the land over which you will do your shooting. This wind information is important because it has direct bearing on the final results in two respects. The first of these is in point of drift in proportion to the velocity of the wind; the second places the amount of drift in relation to the angle formed by the bullet with the direction of the wind.

Just so every member of the shooting fraternity can get in on this, let's start with bed-rock fundamentals. Imagine that you're shooting on the face of an immense clock, with your target located at 12:00 o'clock and your firing point at 6:00 o'clock. Then any wind blowing between 1:30 and 4:30 o'clock will deflect your bullet approximately the same.

From 12:30 to 1:30 and from 4:30 to 5:30 the bullet drift is fifty per cent of the amount it drifted when the wind was blowing within the segment indicated above. From 12:00 to 12:30 and from 5:30 to 6:00 o'clock is so near to being a head-on or following wind that no correction can be made for windage. In spite of popular belief, winds blowing in this section of the semi-circle do not hold the bullet in a straight line but blow it hither and yon until a group shot under such wind conditions will usually be spread to twice the horizontal area of any group shot with the wind definitely on one side. At least one bullet of such a group will be shot with the wind on the opposite side of the line of flight of the majority of shots and will be wide of the group. In a head-on wind it constantly fluctuates 30 degrees or more and it is easy to imagine the side-to-side whipping which affects a five-shot string fired almost directly into or with, a wind which parallels the bore of your rifle in direction.

Suppose you're shooting a five-shot group in a 15 mile per hour wind. Over any long string of shooting about three of five shots will be fired in the above average wind velocity. One may be fired in more nearly a 10 mile per hour wind, and the fifth in about a 20 mile velocity.

These adjustments are graphically recorded in Figure 1. Of course the same variation in wind drift occurs in the other half of the semi-circle; it was merely omitted to simplify explanation.

With this background information in mind, and a copy of a standard ballistics handbook at hand you're ready for the formula. Here it is: Muzzle velocity minus remaining velocity at 100 yards, divided by 100, equals inches of drift at 200 yards, in a 15 mile per hour wind.

The questions that immediately present themselves are these: Why a 15 mile per hour wind? And, why at 200 yards? The answer to both of them is the same. We must start work at some hypothetical zero, preferably one that is located between two extremes. In order to sidetrack argument let me say that I know someone will contend that the midway point should be 150 yards, and the wind velocity 11 miles per hour. Nevertheless we'll start at the range and the velocity mentioned above.

Except for wind vagaries, the formula practically works itself. In citing the wind extremes under which bullets do their work we'll use a 5 to 10 mile per hour velocity as a minimum and a 20 to 25 mile per hour wind as a maximum. Correction for these can be made as follows: For the 5 to 10 mile velocity take 50 per cent of the drift your formula cites; for a wind of 20 to 25 miles per hour add 50 per cent to the formula results. By the time a wind reaches a velocity of 25 miles per hour you might as well pocket your hat and make your way home as best you can for you certainly won't get hits or groups you'll be proud of!

Just so we understand each other, let's read over the formula. Then, until you learn how to accurately estimate wind velocity, get the wind velocity from some reliable source—such as an airport anemometer—the muzzle velocity of your load and its velocity at 100 yards, figure the wind drift according to the formula, and set your sights, or hold off, accordingly, always remembering any variations due to any wind velocity other than the zero 15 mile per hour speed. Then, if you're shooting a consistently reliable bullseye annihilator I'll eat your hat if your bullet is out of the black—if you'll furnish the hat.

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There is a distinct advantage in setting readily adjustable sights for windage rather than holding off. If your drift is estimated at four inches and the range at 200 yards, when actually the range is 300 yards, you will miss by six inches, since the 300 yard drift would be ten inches. If, on the other hand, you made the correction on the sight it would be two minutes for a four-inch drift at the estimated 200 yards. With the range actually 300 yards, you would have an automatic correction of six inches with a two minute windage correction, and you would miss by only four inches because of your error in estimating the range. All of which means that if you were shooting at the exact center of an object 10 inches wide you would get a clean miss if you were holding off for windage allowance, and a clean hit with sight correction.

To illustrate how the hold-off versus sight correction works in real life: Two days before this article was completed the author went jackrabbit hunting. The jacks were bedded down in mile-square rough plowed fields. The rifle was a Model 70 Bullgun, fitted with Fecker scope with cross-hairs and half-minute clicks. Ammunition was handloaded with 150-grain Peters protected point bullets with muzzle velocity of 3100.

The anemometer showed a 10 mile wind velocity. A jack was spotted at an estimated 300 yards and the scope set for elevation and windage. The shot was in line, but short. Three clicks were added and the second shot was also low. Three more clicks were added—one short of the 400 yard

setting—and the jack was killed. At this range, shooting over flat fields at so small a target, it would have been virtually impossible to make hold-over corrections accurately enough to make a hit, even with these rifles and loads that will usually stay within the dimensions of a silver dollar at 200 yards.

The next day the anemometer showed 25 miles per hour of wind velocity and a swirl of soil was sifting over the fields. The rifle was a Model 70 .220 Swift, equipped with Fecker scope with post, and half minute clicks on 10" centers. Ammunition was again handloaded with 55-grain

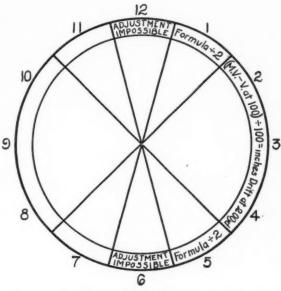


Figure 1

Sisk Express bullets at a muzzle velocity of 3500. A jack was spotted at an estimated 300 yards and the elevation set on the scope. The drift was estimated at 7 inches and a hold-off attempted. At the shot a tuft of fur drifted off and the jack bounded away. A small spot of blood showed through the spotting scope, when he stopped, indicating where the bullet had creased his shoulder.

One moment's thought about the angle at which the jack had been lying, and his width, and it was realized that the hold-off had been only 5 inches. Had the windage screw been twirled 7 clicks instead of an attempted guess at 7 inches on the jack, this would have been another 300 yard kill. Later in the day, when sight correction replaced hold-off several kills were made at similar distances.

No rule would be a good one without suitable exceptions which also prove their consistency. If you will look at Figure 2 you'll see that the three loads given at the head of the table are of .22 caliber. The rim-fire .22 loads have double the wind drift called for by the formula, and at 100 yards, which is about the limit of their dependable accuracy, you will note that this table shows the interesting fact that high speed .22 rim-fire loads drift more than low speed ammunition. This is a phenomenon in connection with their exceeding the approximate velocity of sound in air, although there appears to be no exact critical drift point at the velocity of sound in air.

The center-fire factory loads up to and including those of the muzzle energy of the Hornet and similar cartridges have

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Caliber	Bullet wt. in grains	Muzzle Energy	At Muzzle	At 100 yds.	Difference	Application of Formula	At 100 yds.	At 200 yds.	At 300 yds
22 rim*	40 40	124 174	1180 1400	971 1048	209 352	$^{+100, \times 2}_{+100, \times 2}$	4.18 7.04	x x	X X
22 Hornet*	46	705	2625	2162	463	$+100, \times 2$	3.70	9.26	x
219 Zipper*	46 56	1195 1195	3420 3100	2590 2492	830 608	+100, × 1 +100, × 1	3.32 2.43	8.30 6.08	20.75 15.20
30-30** 30-30*	110 170	1590 1825	2750 2200	2196 1920	554 280	+100, × 1 +100, × 1	2.22 1.12	5.54 2.80	13.85 7.00
220 Swift*	46 56 48	1750 1765 1830	4140 3760 4140	3150 3060 3490	990 700 650	$^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$ $^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$	3.96 2.80 2.60	9.90 7.00 6.50	24.75 17.50 16.25
250-3000** 250-3000*	87 100	1795 1880	3050 2910	2700 2558	350 352	$^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$	1.40 1.41	3.50 3.52	8.75 8.70
257* 257*	117 87	1825 1978	2650 3200	2379 2816	271 384	$^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$	1.08 1.54	2.71 3.84	6.77 9.60
401**	200	2020	2135	1750	385	$+100, \times 1$	1.54	3.85	9.62
270** 270* 270**	150 130 100	2710 2880 2930	2850 3160 3630	2600 2970 3283	250 190 347	$^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$ $^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$	1.00 .76 1.39	2.50 1.90 3.47	6.25 4.75 8.67
30–06*	180 150	2915 2995	2700 3000	2505 2760	195 240	$^{+100, \times 1}_{+100, \times 1}$	.78 .96	1.95 2.40	4.87 6.00
405**	300	3220	2200	1925	275	$+100, \times 1$	1.10	2.75	6.87

\*\*\* Graph based on wind velocity of 15 miles per hour; see text for compensation for other wind velocities.

\*\* Figures taken from Winchester Ballistics Tables.

\* Figures taken from Western Ammunition Handbook x Range at which cartridge is inadequate.

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double the wind drift called for by the formula, and their effective range is 200 yards. The drift setting for these cartridges, then, should be doubled—at the ranges specified in the table.

Those individuals who may contend that I've limited the accurate range of these loads will get no argument out of me. If they can, for instance, shoot the .22 rim-fire load with consistent excellence at the 200 yard range they're to be complimented, not argued with. Similarly, if they can buck varying wind conditions to the 300 yard mark with the Hornet, they're also to be commended.

Then, too, I suspect that someone will run his finger down the "effective range" column of a ballistics table and find many loads that boast an effective range well beyond that stated in the formula graph. However, this method of figuring wind drift has not been extended beyond the 300 yard mark because experimental work has not been done beyond this range. I suspect that a goodly number of cartridges will hold up for some distance beyond 300 yards, but since 98 per cent of the target, varmint, and game shooting is done under that range this article is limited to those ranges which will be of assistance to the majority of devotees of the rifled tube.

#### Part II—TRAJECTORY

The following information is intended for rifles equipped with peep or telescope sights mounted a normal distance above the bore. Its correct use will enable the average shooter to zero his rifle at 100 or 200 yards, and from that zero be able to set his sights to the longer ranges suitable

for his arm with the assurance that he will be sighted closer to his mark than he can hold.

The only equipment you will need to follow the following reasoning is a standard trajectory table showing the trajectory of the cartridge you wish to investigate, or the trajectory of any cartridge with a similar muzzle velocity.

For convenience in sighting for loads not listed in the ballistics tables it should be noted that: the trajectory of all bullets, REGARDLESS OF THEIR WEIGHT, SHAPE, OR CALIBER, starting at a given speed, will run approximately the same to 300 yards.

I know, I know; I felt that it was impossible that the 6.5 Mannlicher 129-grain bullet, starting at a muzzle velocity of 2400 feet per second, should trace approximately the same parabola as the 220-grain .30-'06 bullet launched at the same speed. Only a degree less absurd was the supposition that the .22 Hi Power, throwing its 70-grain jacketed slug at the opening speed of 2800 feet per second should take the same path as the 150-grain bullet loosed by the .270 rifle. Nevertheless if you move your eye over to the trajectory part of the Western ballistics table you'll notice that the 100, 200, and 300 yard trajectories of the 6.5 Mannlicher and the .30-'06 are .81, 3.54, 8.83 and .86, 3.68, 9.15 inches, respectively. If you can improve on .05, .14, and .32 of an inch of error at 100, 200, and 300 yards, you'll be entitled to all the gold medals and silverware you can truck home.

A comparison of the figures of the .22 Hi Power and the .270 over the same ranges shows the same slight difference. The former is given a trajectory of .62, 2.75, 8.0 inches

From 100 to 200 yds.	200 to 300 yds.	TOTAL DROP From 100 to 300 yds.	SIGHT INCREASE 100 to 300 yds.
2.3* or 1.25**	6.1* or 2**	1.25** plus 2** or 3.25**	3.25**

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates inches of measurement.

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FIGURE 4—Comparison of Holding Over as Against Sight Adjustment

Method of sighting	Range Estimated at 200 yards	Actual Bullet drop at 300 yards	Error or miss at point of impact at 300 yards
Holding over	2.5 inches	9.75 inches	9.75 minus 2.5 or 7.25 inches
Sight adjustment	1.25 minutes	9.75 inches	9.75 minus 3.75 or 6.0 inches

as against .63, 2.97, 7.82 at the ranges cited above. In fact, pick any two cartridges of equal muzzle velocity and you'll find the same close adherence to the rule, *up to 300 yards*. Beyond that point any number of factors, chief among which is bullet shape, enter in to destroy a continuity of it as a rule.

Now for a simple practical substitute for the trajectory-times-four rule, to learn the bullet drop and hence the sight correction, let us suppose you're shooting a load with a muzzle velocity of 3200 feet per second. A glance at the ballistics table shows you that the 87-grain .257 bullet has a similar muzzle velocity. After targeting the rifle so that it hits the point of aim at 100 yards you memorize the trajectory of the .257. At 100, 200, and 300 yards it is .50, 2.3, and 6.1 inches. If your memory has a tendency to travel a slippery track you'd better commit these figures to a tag fastened to your gun case.

The rule I wish to expound is as follows for the above load: The bullet drop at 200 yards from the 100 yard zero is approximately the same as the 200 yard trajectory, or 2.3 inches, and requires a sight raise of 1.25 minutes. This gives a new zero, at 200 yards. From this zero the bullet drop at 300 yards is the same as the 300 yard trajectory, or 6.1 inches, and requires a sight raise of 2 minutes. So, a total sight raise of 3.25 minutes from the 100 yard zero will put you on the point of aim at the 300 yard range.

The ammunition companies are prone to use round numbers in giving load velocities. Many loads will actually run well under the tables, in velocity. For this reason it is usually well to add one-half minute to the 300 yard range setting obtained from the tables and the formula.

Also, when using a scope or sight set right down on the receiver, the initial angle in getting the 100 yard zero will be less, and with a sight so mounted it is usually well to add one-half minute for the 200 yard setting. When using standard Fecker or Lyman scope mounts this 200 yard one-half minute addition need not be made, but the above addition to compensate for actual velocity under the figures cited in the tables may be necessary.

The high power calibers suitable for shooting at 300 yards or more are, or should be, sighted in at a 200 yard zero. In shooting at greater distances the common practice is to hold over a sufficient amount to compensate for the increase in range. However, if the arm is equipped

with readily adjustable peep or scope sights the proper correction on the sights will result in closer shooting than will holding over. The amount of such error is illustrated in Figure 4.

While the .257 has been used as an illustration in this article, the rules laid down here are the same for all calibers, from the Hornet up through all the high power loads.

To restate the system in other words, applicable to any high power cartridge, from 100 to 300 yards: If a rifle is zeroed at 100 yards, the 200 yard trajectory in inches indicates the amount the bullet will fall in traversing the 100-yard interval between the 100 yard zero point and the 200 yard point of impact. The trajectory in inches at 300 yards with the arm zeroed at 200 yards indicates the fall of the bullet in inches while it is traveling the 100-yard interval between that zero point and 300 yards.

If one wishes to shoot at 400 or 500 yards—with any rifle and caliber fit for these longer ranges—he will not be far off if he will ascertain his sighting increase from 200 to 300 yards and, in adjusting the sights from 300 to 400 yards, increase the same number of minutes of elevation, plus one minute. For 500 yards add the same number of minutes as for 400 yards.

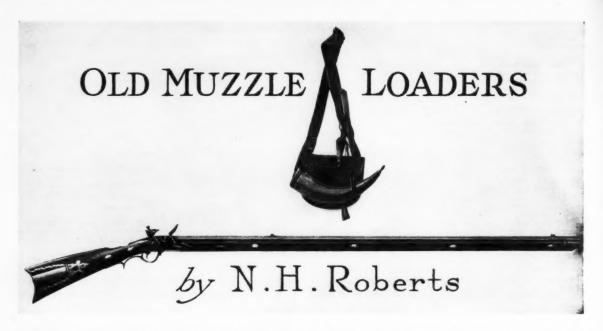
Thus, supposing that we again take the 87-grain bullet in the .257 caliber as our guinea pig, and zero it at 200 yards, the table given in Figure 5 will illustrate the progressive sight setting:

FIGURE 5

Progressive yardage	200 zero to 300	300 to 400	400 to 500
Increase in minutes	2	2 plus 1	3
Total increase from 200 yard	ds 2	2 plus 3	5 plus 3
Total drop from 200 yards	6.1 inches	20 inches	40 inches

While the above rule is not suitable for the Wimbledon matches it will, nevertheless, put the first bullet on the paper for the target shooter, allowing him to make further sighting correction from its point of impact, and will put the first bullet in any deer that the big-game hunter encounters in a setting which prevents closer approach before firing that initial shot.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Indicates minutes of angle.



EARLY IN JULY, 1937, my wife and I motored to Bennington, Vermont, to spend a few days with our friend Dr. P. A. Matteson, and try out some of his fine muzzle-loading rifles. Dr. Matteson has the finest and most extensive collection of splendid muzzle-loading rifles and modern high-power arms of anyone in that state and one of the finest in New England. He has a private range a few miles out of the city on the ancestral farm where he can shoot at any range from 25 feet to 600 yards. The original cornbarn has been converted into a shooting house, equipped with loading tables and other accessories, and here we have spent many pleasant afternoons shooting his different rifles at various ranges.

The doctor is certainly an expert in all matters pertaining to the use of the muzzle-loading rifle and knows much of the history of many of the noted old-time rifle-makers. However, he is a busy dentist with a large practice, has no rifles for sale and no time for answering letters: therefore, I ask my readers not to annoy him with correspondence.

On the day following our arrival the doctor suggested that I should try his third N. S. Brockway rifle that he had recently acquired. It has a 32-inch full-octagon barrel, .45 caliber, weight 16 pounds, carries the usual small globe front sight with shade, a rear peep sight screwed into the tang and adjustable by turning it up or down. Do not get the idea that such a rear sight can not be adjusted very closely, but as the stem of the peep is cut with a thread having one hundred turns to the inch a one-half turn changes the elevation just 1/200 inch. The rifle also has fine double set trigger, nice stock, and all the original accessories such as false muzzle, bullet starter, bullet swage, mould, patch cutter, etc. In a previous article I illustrated Doctor Matteson's two other Brockway rifles, but I personally like this third rifle the best. It is in perfect condition inside, almost so outside, and in my opinion is just the right weight for the finest accuracy, as well as being pleasant to handle. Rifles weighing 25, 30 or 40 pounds are very tiresome to use, and require extreme care in handling and loading, for should they accidentally fall, the stock is nearly always broken and the arm ruined. In my interview with the late Norman S.

Brockway, in July 1936, Mr. Brockway stated that he had repeatedly and conclusively proven that rifles of .38, .40 or .45 caliber weighing from 16 to 20 pounds are every whit as accurate at 40 to 100 rods as any heavier arm; and this was also the opinion of practically all the noted makers of muzzle-loading percussion-lock rifles in the old times.

The target that I shot with this Brockway rifle, shown herewith, is a 10-shot group measuring just  $1^{11}/_{16}$  inches on centers of bullet holes farthest apart. My eyes are not as good as they were sixty odd years ago, of course, and I can no longer do really fine shooting at 100 yards or more with any kind of iron sights, and in the group shown the 6th, 7th and 10th shots went out of the center group because I did not hold right—not because of any fault of the rifle or load used. If this rifle had a good telescope sight, any skilled marksman could make 1-inch groups or smaller with it at 100 yards rest, any day. The bullet used in this rifle is the old "sugar loaf" type, cast of pure lead and swaged to shape and weighs 252 grains. The patches were cut from white broadcloth shirting, were wet with saliva before loading and the rifle was wiped with a dry cloth after each shot.

After making the group with the Brockway rifle shown, I next tested a rifle made by the late Horace Warner, of Syracuse, New York, which is another of the doctor's finest rifles. It has an extremely heavy octagon barrel 27 inches long, is .45 caliber and used the two-piece bullet swaged together, weighing 260 grains, with a charge of 90 to 100 grains Fg black or King's Semi-Smokeless powder. The barrel is cut with eight very narrow lands and wide grooves, somewhat like the Pope system of rifling. As will be seen, this is an under-hammer rifle, the mainspring forming the trigger guard; and instead of using the common percussion cap, it is fired by means of a shotgun primer that is set in place with a small wrench, in order to get a larger spark and improved ignition. The sights are the customary small globe with long shade, and a rear peep which screws into a base that is integral with the tang and has adjusting screw in front of the sight that provides very close adjustment, as this adjusting screw is cut with a thread having one hundred turns to the inch. Windage is provided by a sliding plate in the



Horace Warner .45-cal. target rifle

rear sight disc that is moved either way by means of fine screws. Base blocks for a modern telescope sight were attached by a former owner. False muzzle, starter, swage, bullet mould, patch cutter, chargers and a small lead mallet for striking the starter, came with the rifle.

During the 1880's and early 90's Horace Warner was one of our most noted makers of super-accurate, heavy, muzzleloading target rifles for shooting at 40 to 100 rods. During this same period the late H. V. Perry, of Jamestown, New York, was another noted maker of the same type of rifles, and there was for many years a great rivalry between Perry and Warner, each claiming that his rifles were the most accurate at all ranges. During the early days of The Riflethe forerunner of our fine AMERICAN RIFLEMAN-these two men shot numerous matches at 40 rods rest in an attempt to prove which man really made the better rifle. As I recall, Perry advocated the gain twist system of rifling, while Warner used the regular twist. These matches were shot from a solid bench rest, with several wind flags at different distances from the target to show the direction and force of the wind. Each man had his own bench rest, so that both could fire at about the same time and thus under the same conditions of wind and light. The first match of which I have record was won by Perry with his .45-caliber rifle. The second match-a month or so later-was won by Warner. The third match a few months later was won by Perry, while the fourth match was won by Warner. This "turn about" in winning was repeated for a period of nearly two years, so that after the last match each man had won an equal number of times, and no one really knew any more about the relative accuracy of the two rifles than before the matches were shot. These matches between Perry and Warner were reported in Forest and Stream and The Rifle at the time, and many of the groups were given. The scoring

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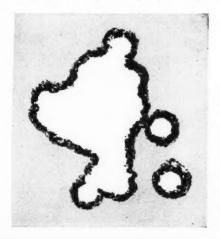
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was by string measure, which was generally used in such matches in those days.

It is quite probable that this Horace Warner rifle of Doctor Matteson's was used in some of these matches with Perry, as there came with the rifle when the doctor bought it a number of targets that had been shot with it, no doubt by the maker, in testing it or in matches in which this rifle was used. Two groups shown are among the smallest of these and according to a report in The Rifle were shot at 40 rods rest using globe and peep sights. Several such groups are shown in the early issues of The Rifle and Forest and Stream.

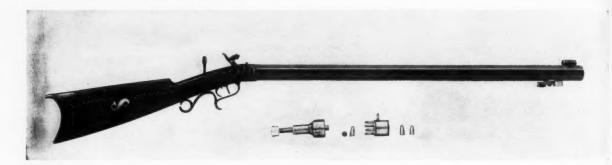
Back in the Colonial days, continuing through the Civil War times and along well into the 1880's, double-barrel rifles were quite popular in this country and were made by nearly all of the best rifle-makers. In 1882 I traded with a jeweler for my first double rifle, made by C. E. Overbaugh, of Philadelphia. It had 26-inch barrels, .40 caliber, made for the "picket" type bullet which weighed 275 grains and was used with a cloth patch and 80 grains Fg black powder. The rifle also used a bullet of 250 grains weight with a charge of 90 grains of powder when it was desired to obtain somewhat higher velocity than the heavier bullet gave. This rifle shot very accurately with either of these bullets, and especially so with the 275 grain bullet and 65 grains of powder-Curtis & Harvey "Diamond Grain No. 6." Firing the right and left barrels alternately at 100 yards, using a sand-bag rest, one could keep his bullets inside a 21/2-inch ring with the 65 grain charge; the 80 grain load kept in a 3-inch circle, and the 250 grain bullet with the 90 grain charge would keep in a 4-inch ring. At 200 yards the groups averaged 5, 6 and 9 inches for the respective bullets and loads above, and the arm weighed but 8 pounds. This rifle balanced and handled like a fine shotgun and was the best hunting rifle of the muzzle-loading type that I ever owned. Even in those days when most of the work on rifles was done by the old hand methods the makers appeared to have no real trouble in making both barrels shoot together and give nice accuracy, and were able to sell these double



Left: 20-shot group at 40 rods by .45cal. Warner rifle shown above



Right: 10-shot group at 40 rods by same rifle



Brockway .45-cal. target rifle

rifles at \$80.00 to \$100.00, as the original owner of this Overbaugh double rifle paid but one hundred dollars for it when new. Yet today with all our improved machinery that will do most of the work that in the old times was done by hand, we are told that a good double rifle for our modern cartridges would cost around three hundred dollars.

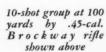
Among the rifles that Doctor Matteson owns is a nice double barrel "deer rifle" by that noted maker, N. Lewis, of Troy, New York. This rifle has 25-inch barrels, is .44 caliber, using a round ball, cloth patch, and a charge of 30 to 40 grains of black powder. The rifle is perfect inside, fine outside, weighs just 7 pounds, and balances very nicely as well as showing very nice accuracy at 50 to 100 yards. Along in October Doctor Matteson, knowing my liking for the double rifle, very kindly shipped this Lewis rifle to me so that I might test it on my range and use it for deer hunting if I so desired. Soon after receiving the rifle I took it to my range, and after firing a few shots to adjust the rear sight, I shot the group of six shots that is illustrated. The fourth shot was called as a 3 o'clock 9, and was not the fault of the rifle or load. Again, on December 4th, as the weather was favorable, I took this rifle to the range and tested it at 65 yards, shooting in the sitting position, and at 100 yards using the sand-bag rest. In this shooting the right and left barrels were fired alternately, and it showed that this doublebarrel muzzle-loading rifle is fully equal in accuracy to our modern .30-30 and similar hunting rifles. Here in New Hampshire today fully 90% of our white tailed deer are shot at ranges of 50 to 75 yards, and my targets show what a fair shot could do to a deer with this little muzzle loader, while at even 100 yards a good shot would have no trouble in killing his deer with the two shots at his instant command.

When I was a boy my favorite uncle taught me how to use the muzzle-loading rifle. He repeatedly told me that if the bullet was not nicely centered on the patch "the bullet will not hit in the same group as the others." He also impressed upon me the fact that if a patch is not cut practically perfect a bullet fired with it will not "hit in the same place as a bullet fired with a perfect patch," as he expressed it. I happened to think of these two points when I was testing the Lewis deer rifle on December 4th, and for the 5th shot at 65 yards I purposely placed the ball somewhat off center on the patch, then fired that shot with a perfect hold and got an off shot at 4 o'clock. Then for the 7th shot I selected a patch with a small piece cut out of it, loaded the rifle carefully, centered the ball well on the patch, used especial care in holding that shot, and the point of impact was about two inches to the left of the shot from the

left barrel in which a perfect patch was used. This will serve to show the inexperienced user of the muzzle-loading rifle that care must be used always to center the ball, or bullet, well on the patch and that only perfectly cut patches should be used when it is desired to have all bullets give the same point of impact on the target.

I was so pleased with the little Lewis double rifle and its performance at the target that I used it two days for deer hunting; but the deer were evidently afraid of this rifle, for I failed to see one either time I hunted with it. However, I have no doubt that I could easily have killed my deer with this Lewis rifle had I been fortunate enough to see one in reasonable range. I am a firm believer in conservation of our deer and other wild game, which, notwithstanding all statements to the contrary, is getting mighty scarce in the New England States except Maine. I personally would be glad to see a law passed in New Hampshire that would require all deer hunting to be with single-shot rifles. Then our deer would have a sporting chance during the hunting season, instead of being murdered by a stream of bullets from the auto-loading rifles now used by so many of the deer hunters who call themselves sportsmen. With the single-shot rifle our hunters would also learn to shoot accurately and make the first shot count, as did our pioneers who settled this country when it teemed with big game, wolves and bad Indians. Unless the legislators stop passing so many anti-gun laws we will soon have to do our deer shooting with the bow and arrow anyway, so why not use the single-shot rifle before we are obliged to come to the bow and arrow?

Incidentally, why does not some enterprising rifle-making concern in this country place on the market a good double rifle for some of our excellent rimmed cartridges? Those who have had experience with the double rifle know that for woods shooting of big game it is so far superior to any other







N. Lewis double-barrel deer rifle

type that comparisons are useless. No kind of repeating rifle has the balance and hang and comes up to the shoulder so nicely and points so naturally as a fine double-barrel rifle. Surely a good, accurate, well-balanced machine-made double rifle of medium weight—practically 8 pounds—could be made in this country and sold at around \$150 or \$200; and there are many men who would buy such a rifle at this price, who cannot afford to pay \$300 or \$400 for a good English double rifle. Why do we not have such a rifle when we know that years ago the old-time rifle-makers turned them out largely by hand and sold them for \$100 to \$150 or even less?

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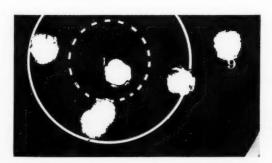
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Flint-lock rifles in really fine condition are very scarce in this country today, and in Doctor Matteson's collection is to be found one of the finest rifles of this kind. This rifle was made by "Peter & David Moll, Hellerstown, Pa.", as marked in gold on the breech of the barrel; also the date "Jan. 30, 1833". The rifle has a 45-inch full-octagon barrel for the .45 caliber round ball, and weighs 12 pounds. The full-length stock of nice tiger-flame maple has a number of ornamental pieces inletted into it, while the patch box and all other mountings are of fine brass. The bore of the rifle is perfect, very fine outside, and gives nice accuracy at 60 to 100 yards, as shown by the numerous groups that I have seen Doctor Matteson make with it. By nice accuracy I mean that I have seen the doctor place five or six consecutive bullets almost in one hole, so that a silver quarter would cover them, when shooting at 60 yards rest. The original hunting bag, powder horn, small horn for the fine priming powder, horn charger, bullet mould, etc., are with this rifle, as shown in the title cut on the first page of this article. If we only knew its history, what interesting reading this would make.

Shooting the fine muzzle-loading rifles is a very interesting sport, and during my travels through eight or ten states summer before last I had the pleasure of meeting a good number of skilled riflemen who stated that they find shooting



the fine old target rifles, both muzzle and breech loaders, is far more real sport than the military rifle shooting now in fashion. To which sentiment I heartily say Amen. Those who have had experience in shooting the fine old muzzleloaders, the fine breech-loading single-shot target rifles, and the modern high-velocity arms, know that there is a certain fascination in using these old target rifles at 200 yards off hand that is wholly lacking when using the latest fashion high-velocity arms of today. Also a fine single-shot rifle like the .32-40 Pope, for instance, will retain its gilt-edge accuracy for thirty to fifty thousand rounds, if properly cared for. It will last more than a man's lifetime, while these high-velocity arms are ruined by erosion after firing three to six thousand rounds, in spite of the very best care. Also, the old breech-loading target rifles have a far better balance and appearance than the modern bolt action re-

On my ninth birthday, more than half a century ago, my uncle-who was an enthusiastic hunter-rifleman and had served during the latter part of the Civil War in the noted Berdan Sharpshooter Regiment, and thoroughly knew his rifle-shooting, I assure you-gave me a light .30 caliber muzzle-loading percussion-lock rifle, with a short barrel (21 or 23 inches, I believe) half stock, and open sights, that weighed about six pounds. With it were a Colt's powder flask, a leather bullet pouch and a bullet mould that cast both round and conical bullets. Uncle Alvaro then began teaching me how to properly handle and shoot a rifle, cast the bullets, cut patches, clean and care for the rifle, etc. How I wish I had that little muzzle-loader today! But, fool-like, after using it about six years I traded it for a much inferior rifle. How I would like to know the history of that little rifle before it fell into Uncle's hands! It was no doubt made for some Southern gentleman's son, as Uncle picked it up on a Southern battle-field after a Confederate defeat. There it lay beside a mere boy in gray who had fallen in the fight, and the little rifle had a bad dent in the barrel several inches from the muzzle. Uncle said it was "such a nice little rifle" that he carried it away, had the barrel cut off below the injured point, and after the War gave it to me as above related. Thus it happened that I

6-shot group at 65 yards by .44-cal. Lewis double-barrel rifle shown above. Three shots with right barrel and three with left

was brought up on the muzzle-loading percussion lock rifle, still like and shoot these arms, and am much pleased to see the fine sport of shooting them again becoming so popular. Now if we could just revive the Schuetzen game at 200 yards offhand, and make it popular again as it was during the 1880's and early 1890's, to go along with our military rifle shooting and the small bore, these idiotic anti-gun laws would soon become a thing of the past and the United States would in truth be a "nation of riflemen".

As so many younger men are now becoming interested in shooting the muzzle-loading rifle, who have no experienced coach to help them, I trust that I shall not be considered egotistical in this matter if, in the hope that these may prove helpful, I offer the following hints regarding the handling of these rifles.

#### Patching Materials

Each muzzle-loading rifle has its own peculiarities that must be learned by actual shooting before the finest accuracy can be obtained. Some of them require a thick patch like bed-ticking, while others absolutely refuse to shoot accurately with such patches, requiring, instead, fine cotton or linen. Our mercerized cotton and broadcloth shirting can be cut into patches that are excellent in many of these rifles, but I well remember that Uncle Alvaro always insisted that only fine "shirt-bosom linen" patches would give the finest accuracy in a muzzle loader, and he always used such patches in his .40 caliber muzzle loader. Also in those days there was much discussion among experts as to whether the best accuracy was obtained with a patch wet with saliva or with sperm oil. Each expert had his preference in this, which he stoutly maintained was the only right way, and claimed that his small groups proved that he was correct. Also there was, especially among the target shooters, continual discussion as to whether the paper patch gave better accuracy than a cloth one, and if a paper patch was the best, whether it should be a "two strip" or a "cross" patch. Most of the noted rifle-makers such as Brockway, Horace Warner, Perry, and Billinghurst, made their target rifles for use with the paper patch cut in one of these forms, and their rifles certainly gave accuracy at 40 rods that is equaled by very few indeed of our modern rifles today.

#### Powder

Finding the right kind and grain of powder for each rifle requires experimentation and time, but, in general, rifles of .45 caliber or larger shoot finest with Fg powder, while those of smaller bore give the best accuracy with FFg or possibly even a finer grade. When I commenced rifle shooting, my Uncle Alvaro always swore by Hazard's "Kentucky Rifle" powder, and he always used Fg granulation in his .40 caliber rifle. However, my little .30 caliber rifle required FFg powder, on account of the smaller bore. About 1897 I heard of the English "Curtis & Harvey Diamond Grain No. 6" black powder, and bought my first can of it in Boston. Since then I have for many years used this powder in comparison with the best Américan makes, and I believe it to be the very best black powder for use in muzzle-loading rifles. It burns moist, is very clean, somewhat stronger for the same charge than our American powders, and gives the very finest accuracy in these rifles. It is also, according to my experience, the finest black powder for use (with a small charge of low pressure smokeless as a priming charge) in the breech-loading Schuetzen or target rifle. This powder is not now on sale in this country, but I get it from the London makers for my own use. Possibly by this spring E. M. Farris, Secretary of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, may have it in stock. King's Semi-Smokeless appears to be the best American powder that we now have for the majority of these old rifles. Do NOT attempt to use any kind of smokeless powder in these old muzzle-loading rifles, as they are practically all made with soft-iron or cast-steel barrels that have not the necessary strength to withstand smokeless powder pressures.

The correct charge of powder for each rifle has always been a somewhat debated point, the old pioneer rule being that for the round-ball rifle the charge should be just enough to cover the ball when held in the palm of the hand and powder poured over it. However, this is far from a scientific method of determining the charge, and charges measured in this way are sure to show considerable variation in actual weight, or bulk, and will give different points of impact on the target unless the range be short. Another rule is that we should use "three grains weight of powder for each eight grains weight of bullet"; for instance, a bullet weighing 240 grains should be used with 90 grains of powder. But here again we find that the rule does not always prove to be correct, and we may secure better accuracy with a charge of 75 or 80 grains instead. However, this rule is approximately correct for most of the American-made muzzle-loading rifles if the arm is in sound condition. Another rule that my uncle taught me, was: "Multiply the bore of the rifle by 2 if the caliber is .38 or larger; if less than .38 caliber bore, multiply by 11/2." Thus, by this rule, for a .42 bore, or caliber, rifle we have 42 x 2 = 84 grains of powder as the correct charge; with a .32 caliber rifle,  $32 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 48$  grains as the right charge. This rule works all right unless the rifle was made for an extremely heavy bullet, in which case the caliber multiplied by 11/2 gives the right charge of powder. For instance, take a .45 caliber muzzle-loader using a bullet weighing 350 or 400 grains. Multiply .45 by 11/2, which gives 68 grains as the right charge for that arm, which is generally about right for such a rifle, as shown by actual tests.

#### Caps

In my boyhood days I usually used the then well-known "G. D." caps, as they were cheaper than the U. M. C., Hicks, or W. R. A.; but the latter were by far the better, as these were sure-fire while the "G. D." caps frequently mis-fired and were named "G. D." for that reason—according to my uncle's version. The best caps for muzzle-loading rifles that I have ever used are those made by Eley Brothers of London, which are still made expressly for use with black powder. They are sure-fire and are not nearly as corrosive as the older American caps used to be. The Eley Brothers caps cannot be obtained in this country, but are on sale in nearly all the sporting goods stores in the larger cities in Canada, and at the Hudson's Bay Company Posts clear up into the Arctic regions, where many of the Indians and trappers still use muzzle-loading shotguns.

#### Bullets

The old-time rifle-makers always stated that bullets should be cast from pure lead, not hardened in any way, and this is right for the majority of muzzle-loading rifles.

# FILLING THE GAP

By F. C. NESS

Winchester has now closed the gap between their heavy high-priced match rifle and their light, short low-cost training rifle for juniors. The new Winchester Model 75 target rifle is a medium-priced and medium-weight match rifle. The maximum weight with 1½-inch leather sling is 8 pounds and 10 ounces. This new rifle, which is in the \$30.00 class, reveals that Winchester has learned much about designing and manufacturing small-bore target rifles.

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The new M-75 has many features in common with the standard M-52 match rifle. One is a good 28-inch target barrel, tapered and somewhat lighter than the 52 barrel, but otherwise identical. The same 52 checkered steel buttplate is used, as well as the 5-shot box magazine. Also the same sling and adjustable barrel-band with the new adjustable swivel base. The new rifle has a side-lever safety similar to that on the M-52. It has a speed-lock, and cocks on the opening motion of the bolt. The stock dimensions also are similar, the M-75 having ½6-inch more drop at the comb and ¼-inch more at the heel than the 52. The M-75 has a semi-beavertail fore-end, a pistol grip, and a high comb for telescope-sight use. In fact its factory sights, of new Winchester design, are of telescope height.

The Winchester detachable target front sight has a hood and three interchangeable apertures and post. Its discs are of a distinctive shape, made deep to attain telescope height. The Winchester rear sight is an extension peep, which looks like a modified 52W Lyman extension sight. Its base is on the rear left of the receiver. The round extension arm is held by a vertical coin-slotted thumb-screw. The sight head holds a removable target peep disc. The elevation scale, on the left, is marked off in 25-click units, each click being worth ½-minute. The clicks are distinctly felt and heard. The windage scale, in front of the peep, is graduated in 10-click units, each click worth ¼-minute. The windage knob is on the right side.

Both screws have left-hand threads, making the direction of turning natural. A clockwise revolution of both screws moves the peep (and the center of impact) down and to the left. The windage click-detent adjustment has a stiff spring-tension lock, while the elevation adjustment has a very large thumb-screw lock, slotted for a coin or large screw-driver. Because of play and lost motion in the mechanism, it is difficult to make an accurate change of adjustment in the middle of a string. These Winchester sights are therefore not practical for match shooting, unless the shooter makes sight corrections by holding off. Undoubtedly there will be forthcoming soon a low-priced Wittek-Vaver target sight for this practical rifle.

The small receiver on this rifle is sufficiently heavy and rigid for target accuracy. Indoors, the machine-rest groups ran from 1.2 inches to 1.85 inches at 100 yards, with a 10-shot average of 1.38 inches for 50 shots. At 50 yards the indoor rest groups, fired by Dave Carlson, included two of possible size. Outdoors, fired prone on a dark, windy evening, the rifle gave us 98 and 100 at 50 yards, and 96 and 94 at 100 yards. From bench rest it indicates an ability to shoot 13/4-inch 10-shot groups at 100 yards outdoors. The adjustable barrel band must be kept very tight for bench-rest accuracy, and slightly looser when the sling is taut, as in prone shooting. I have just fired a box of .22 Long Rifle Smokeless from standing position, slow and rapid, with this rifle, and it appeals to me strongly for

four-position shooting. I believe I should prefer it to the standard 52 Winchester for such matches.

The stock is very comfortable in both positions, and the adjustable sling-swivel position makes it possible to accommodate the reach of practically all shooters. This should be a fine arm for girls and boys who have graduated from their first training rifle at the age of from 14 to 18 years. The stock dimensions are: length of pull, 13½ inches; drop at comb, 1½ inches; drop at heel, 2½ inches; with 3 inches pitch down at the muzzle. The pistol grip and fore-end grip both feel comfortable to the hand, and the trigger-pull, of normal weight, has a clean let-off. All in all, it is a very desirable training rifle and light-weight target rifle. It has a clip magazine which can be removed by the coach. We do not recommend, for training purposes or for junior use, any rifle having a tubular magazine.

For those who want to use a scope sight for target or sporting purposes, this M-75 has screw holes for attaching standard M-52 scope bases. The rifle can also be had equipped with bases for a new Winchester 8X scope sight. For use as a sporter, the M-75 should be purchased without any sights, at a price of \$24.95.

Some time before this new Model 75 was projected, Winchester brought out another .22 rifle, which latter I consider even more important, because it was designed as a training rifle for the very young beginners—those formerly forgotten kids of from 6 to 12 years, who find most arms too long in the butt, if not also in the barrel. I refer to the new Model 67 Junior single-shot bolt-action rifle. This rifle weighs only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, and can be had with a barrel as short as 20 inches or as long as 27 inches. The butt-to-trigger stock-length is optional from 12 inches up to  $13\frac{3}{16}$  inches. The vertical safety comes into the line of sight when on, making it most obvious to the youngster, and the bolt can be removed easily by the coach for safe uncoached aiming practice. This is a fine kid's rifle.

Between the M-67 Junior and the new M-75 is the Winchester M-69 clip-loading repeater, with a peep on the bridge and a hooded bead on the muzzle of its 25-inch barrel. This low-priced repeater weighs 5 pounds. The buttstock measures about 13½x15/8x21½16 inches, with a pitch down of about 2 inches. It is a good, practical, Junior training rifle, which, however, needs a target-type front sight, and a scope sight for adult sporting use.

From the standpoint of relative weight, there is, next in line, the new M-52 Sporter, which has a 24-inch barrel and weighs 7½ pounds, but it is in the high-priced class. It offers a choice of Lyman receiver sights, a gold bead with hood in front, and a man's-size sporting-type stock. The buttstock dimensions are 13½x1½ax2½ inches. It has the standard M-52 action, and is the lightest adult-size small-bore rifle made by Winchester.

Somewhat above the new Model 75 target rifle, in both weight and price, Winchester has the well-known standard Model 52, with semi-beavertail target stock and a weight of 10 pounds when equipped with 1¼-inch leather sling. The butt-stock has a high, full, straight comb, stock dimensions being 13½x1½6x2 inches. This standard M-52 (28-inch barrel) can also be had with full beavertail Marksman stock, and almost any combination of the popular target sights.

At the head of the Winchester list is the popular Heavy Barrel M-52 match rifle, with Marksman stock and a weight of 12 pounds, with sling.

# HOME GUNSMITHING

By "Professional"

Well, another month has passed, and I am glad to be back with you again. The old pipe seems to be drawing pretty well, so let's see. . . .

I guess this is as good a time as any to say a few words about that indispensable but often abused and misunderstood tool—the screw-driver. To the average mortal a screw-driver is just a screw-driver, but to the skilled mechanic—and gunsmith especially—it is a highly specialized tool, with a personality all its own.

The screw-drivers that you buy have the wrong form of blade, this being wedge-shaped, while screw slots have straight sides. These screw-drivers, if used as they are, will ruin screw slots; so take a file, preferably a crossing file which has oval sides of two different arcs, and dress the screw-driver blade so that the sides are parallel, or the blade is even a little thicker at the end than just back of it.

You can make good screw-drivers yourself from octagonal chisel steel in sizes up to ½-6-inch. Shape the edge with a crossing file, and get large file handles to put on them, or make handles of your own from birch. Make these handles an inch or more in diameter. Ferrules may be made from brass wire wound tightly and soldered as you wind it. Drill through the ferrule and screw-driver shank for a small pin. These blades should be hardened by heating cherry red and plunging into cold water, then heating until the purple color verges into blue, and again quenching in water. The smaller blades should show more blue than purple, or they may break too easily.

You will need a good hack-saw, preferably one taking 12-inch blades, and a medium-sized cross-cut wood saw. A jack plane and a block plane will save time in dressing down thick stocks, or pieces glued on for remodeling a stock. A two-foot carpenter's square, and a combination square with adjustable head and 6- or 9-inch blade, will help in stock work. A 9-inch steel scale with No. 1 or No. 2 graduations is useful in setting scope blocks, as these gradu-

ations include tenths of an inch. Small pin vises of the type made by L. S. Starrett are very useful in filing pins to fit tightly in holes. The smallest-size pin vise when equipped with a steel phonograph needle makes the best scriber you ever used.

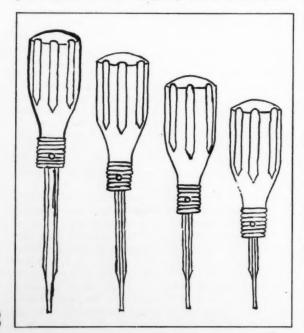
Inside and outside calipers and dividers will be needed in taking measurements of parts and laying out stock changes. The 10-cent-store type will answer the purpose, and for measuring screws and other small metal parts a micrometer caliper is handy. One firm makes a very fair one for \$1.75. Other tools needed for certain work will be mentioned as we go along.

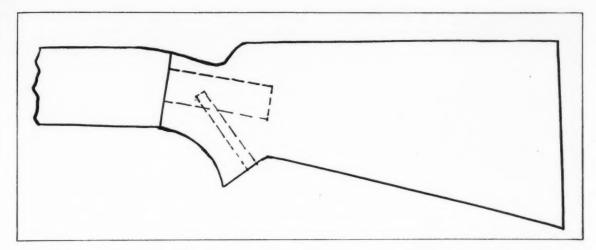
For an average example of remodelling work we shall take up the Model 1917 U. S. Army rifle, as this needs to have about everything done to it to make it into a presentable sporting rifle.

The first thing to do to the stock, after it has been taken from the barrel and action and stripped of its metal parts, is to cut off the forearm. If you are going to put a horn or bakelite tip on the forearm, cut the latter off just back of the lower band. In cutting it off, if you do not have a fine-toothed back-saw, use a hack-saw, as the average crosscut saw will splinter the edges of the cut. After cutting off, square the end of the forearm with a fine file, using the combination square with adjustable head to make sure you get it square.

As we shall want to fit an inside band on the barrel, with the swivel running through the forearm, we had better fasten the forearm tip on with two 1/4-inch dowels, one on each side of the center; for if we use one central dowel the swivel screw will make a hole through it and weaken it. Make sure that the end of the horn or bakelite tip is square, and smooth it up with fine files and emery paper. Place the block of horn or bakelite against the end of the forearm, and draw the outline of the forearm, inside and outside, on it in pencil. Now mark on the smooth end of the tip the position of the two dowel holes, placing them so that the edge of each hole closest to the barrel channel clears the channel by at least 1/8-inch. Drill these holes into the tip to a depth of 1/2 or 3/4-inch. Drill the holes first with a drill slightly smaller than 1/4-inch, and then run the 1/4-inch drill in, as the first hole might be slightly oversize, and you want the dowels to fit tightly. Mix up a little lampblack with oil, paint it thinly on the smooth end of the tip, and press the tip against the end of the forearm, lining it up by means of the penciled outline of the forearm. This will show the dowel holes outlined in black on the end of the forearm. Check these positions by measuring, and, carefully centering the holes, drill them an inch or more deep into the forearm. Clean off the lampblack from the end of the forearm by light scraping with a chisel or scraper, place the dowels in the holes in the tip, coat the tip lightly with lampblack, and press it into place against the forearm, seating it with taps from a mallet. A very good mallet to use for stock work is the rubber mallet sold by automobile supply companies. These are heavy, and a good blow can be struck with them without marring.

Now remove the forearm tip and see how even a contact it made on the end of the forearm. If the contact is uneven, scrape down the high spots, repeating the work until you have an even contact, or one that is slightly heavier toward the edges than at the center. Now clean off all lampblack,





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u d While the forearm tip is setting we can turn our attention to the buttstock. The best method of dealing with it is to saw it off about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches back of the end of the lower tang mortise, and cut a tenon on the stub of the grip at least 1 inch in diameter (preferably  $1\frac{1}{6}$ -inches), starting at the rear end and running up so that it just cuts into the rear end of the lower tang mortise. A tenoncutter (sometimes called a hollow auger) is the best tool for this job, and if you do not possess one, there may be a wagon repair shop nearby that will loan you one.

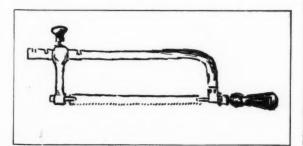
Now take a piece of walnut plank from 2 inches to 2½ inches thick, 13 inches or more long, and 6 inches or more wide, and into one end bore a hole just large enough to make a tight fit with the tenon. This hole must be bored at a downward angle so that when the plank is placed on the tenon its top edge will be parallel (or very nearly so) to the top edge of the stock. If you are right-handed, bore this hole a little to the right of the center so as to leave plenty of room on the left side for a cheek piece. If you are left-handed, bore the hole a little to the left of the center. If you do not wish a cheek piece, bore it in the center.

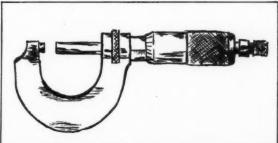
Face off the end of this piece around the hole, using chisels and files, so that it has a perfect fit with the wood at the base of the tenon. In boring the hole in the end of the blank, start far enough down from the top so that you can get the proper height of comb. Before gluing this piece to the tenon, cut a small vee-shaped groove along the lower edge of the tenon, from the end back to the shoulder, and cut the groove on down the face of the shoulder. As this will come out in the trigger-guard mortise it will not show. The purpose of this groove is to allow the air to escape from the hole as you drive the buttstock piece onto the tenon.

Coat the inside of the hole, the face around it, the tenon, and the tenon shoulder with casein glue, and, clamping the stock in the vise in soft jaws, drive the buttstock piece onto the tenon, using the rubber mallet.

After the piece is in place and properly lined up in a vertical plane with the rest of the stock, clamp it tightly for 48 hours, using a clamp like the one you used for the forearm tip, and hooking it into the rear of the magazine mortise. It will be best to put a piece of steel between the clamp screw and the butt, or the screw will sink into the wood. If you have been unable to get steel for these clamps, or unable to get the clamps made, the stock may be gripped in the bench vise, a block of wood nailed to the bench top the proper distance away, and wedges of wood driven in between the block and the end of the stock to force the parts tightly together. This will work as well for the forearm tip, too.

In the event that you cannot obtain the use of a tenoncutter, the tenon can be cut by hand. First, with a sharp knife make a cut around the stub end of the grip where the shoulder of the tenon is to come, keeping the cut as straight as possible, although it can of course be straightened up after the tenon has been cut. After cutting this line around as deeply as you can, begin whittling the tenon out with a knife, deepening the shoulder cut as you work down to it. The tenon can be rounded up by using files and emery paper. And, I might add, I find that aloxite cloth cuts (Continued on page 36)







Camp scene at the Big Creek Wilderness Camp, Pisgah National Forest

### THE PISGAH HUNT

Photos by Clint Davis, U. S. Forest Service

THE BEAR and deer hunt held on the Pisgah National Forest under the sponsorship of the U. S. Forest Service is one of the most unique hunting events in the nation. 1600 hunters take part in this regulated Big Game Hunt during the four weeks in which it is held.

THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN'S Fred Ness and the writer were two of those fortunate individuals of the many applicants to get into this 100,000-acre game preserve and try our luck in the main hunt of the northern circle and also spend a day and night in the wilderness camp as observers of a most unusual event—the first "play by play" broadcast of a deer hunt from within the hunting area itself.

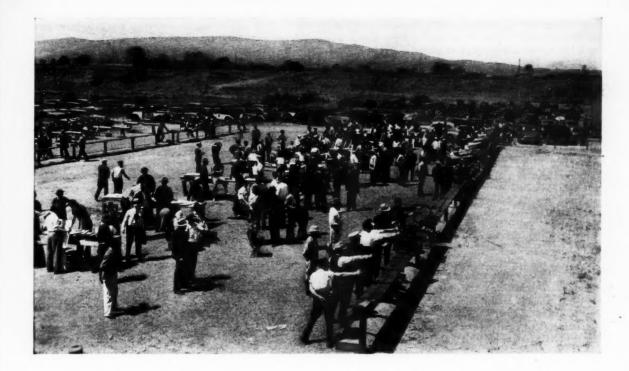
The main hunt of this Western North Carolina paradise is divided into two areas called the northern and the southern shooting circles, opening in the southern circle the first week, going on to the northern circle the second week, and then repeating the areas the third and fourth week. This hunt is conducted in three-day periods, starting Monday and Thursdays in the area open, with about 150 hunters allowed in each group; a total of 1200 for the four weeks. The other 400 licensees join the wilderness hunt. In this, only men in good physical condition are allowed to go into the preserve to stay for three days, carrying their own camping equipment and paraphernalia, and hunting under rugged and primitive conditions.

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Below: Left—Packers unloading radio equipment for transmitting first broadcast of a big-game hunt from actual scene of the event. Right—Announcer Bill Bivens and Ranger John Squires interview Dr. R. R. Reinhardt, of Lincolnton, N. C.







# IMPROVING YOUR SCORE

By FRANK WYMAN

YEA, VERILY! A dyed-in-the-wool pistol shooter would gladly give Shylock a pound of flesh if he could thereby add points to his score. And this applies to the man who can hang up a snappy 200 over the three-stage course as well as to young Jack-in-the-Black who weeps salty tears every time his score tumbles gutterward below 280. Yes, and it also applies to the slow-fire man as well as to the fellow who must always shoot "over the course." We're all alike when it comes to bartering almost anything—save good sportsmanship—for the sake of one or two more points.

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Now that everybody is hanging on the ropes, let's see if we can think of a few things the top-notchers do that aren't so regularly done by the boys farther down the bulletin. The shooter who is already scoring in that semi-select group from 265 to 270, must look for any additional points through close attention to all the small details of his own individual shooting. No one change can be expected to suddenly run a 265 average up to 275 or 280, but by watching what you do, as compared to what the man do who is averaging above 275, you can add a point to your average now and again. Check every small detail of your shooting, and don't be afraid to try a new idea just because it doesn't appeal to you when first explained.

The suggestions we are going to make are aimed at both the beginner and the "expert." The new shooter should make every effort to learn all angles of the game right from the beginning. To do so will eliminate numerous false starts and much lost time. As that sturdy oak of Sunday night entertainers, "Sliver" McCarthy, would put it, the beginner should prepare from the start to "Mow 'em down." The expert should remember that a "refresher course" comes in handy at times as a reminder for some forgotten small point of technique.

High-power rifle shooters keep careful record of each shot fired—weather conditions—wind—light—temperature—etc., each being marked down with meticulous care in a score book. Such elaborate "dope" is probably unnecessary for pistol shooters—our ranges are short, and wind affects the shooter more than it does the bullet on its way targetward; but you should keep a record of all practice and tournament scores. If you use more than one gun, keep a complete record on each of them.

Your record should show every score at each stage, together with the date fired and the ammunition used. This gives you an opportunity of not only knowing what ammunition gives you your best average score, but also of knowing at all times just where you are weakest. Figure your average score every three or four weeks, and then practice where your scores show you need it the most. Don't try to "kid" yourself by recording only your high scores. If you are serious about improving your shooting, the low scores should be recorded and studied more religiously than the high scores.

When the old-timers first began competing in matches over the National Match Course, they found that the skilled rapid-fire shooter almost invariably won. Thereby was born the saying, "the rapid-fire experts win the matches," and the equally hoary and long-whiskered one to the effect that, "it's the rapid that separates the men from the boys." This may have been true a few years ago when winning three-stage-course scores were lower than they are now, but I'm of the opinion that the wise shooter today is the one who realizes that he can pick up a few points on the other fellow at slow-fire if he'll practice diligently. Some night soon, when the range is closed and you're through dry-shooting, get out a batch of old bulletins, and check over the National Match Course events—any caliber. See for yourself how

many competitors in the 240 to 270 class are away down in their slow-fire scores. I know—50-yards slow-fire is hard, but a point gained is a point gained, and if your shooting averages from 91 to 95 rapid and only 80 points slow, it seems to me that some slow-fire practice is called for, right now. Remember 91 to 95 means you have only from 5 to 9 points that you can hope to pick up, whereas you are playing with a possible 20 points to be gained in the slow-fire stage.

If a further example is needed, look over a few recently established national records:

On July 16, 1938, M. R. Rogers of the U. S. Treasury Customs Border Patrol Team established what at that time was a new National Match Course center-fire record of 293, one point over the former mark. This one point was gained at slow-fire, where Rogers scored 95. In August during the Pre-Perry Tournament, Al Hemming set two phenomenal National Match Course records: 297 with the .22, and 298 with the center-fire arm. The three-point increase over the old .22-caliber record all came in the slow-fire stage, where Al dropped one point for a 99 x 100. A few minutes later he scored another 99 with his .38-Special revolver at slow-fire, which started him on the way to his second National Course record that day. When Marvin Driver's "Detroit Record Crushers" set a new four-man-team record for the National Course with .22's at Detroit in June, they upped the old mark nine points, and gained six of them at slow-fire. Slow-fire at 25 yards is sometimes looked upon with disdain, but when Walter Walsh raised the Camp Perry Course center-fire records 2 points at 298 at Camp Ritchie in July, 1938, he added both points at slow-fire, where he scored a "possible." There have been, of course, other new records in which the necessary points were gained at other than slow-fire, but the three mentioned are important ones, and well illustrate the point.

All right—let's suppose you are averaging from 80 to 85 at 50 yards, and would just as soon boost that a few points,

here are a few suggestions:

The matter of special stocks is one that is receiving a lot of attention—and rightly so. No shooter can do his best with a gun that doesn't fit him. A handgun to be used over the three-stage course of fire requires a different stock from that of a strictly slow-fire gun; therefore, be conservative in your remodeling of stocks—particularly in respect to revolvers. Don't equip your three-stage gun with too large a stock. See that the stock does not crowd your hand uncomfortably. Finger grooves are all right, if properly spaced, but the spacing of them to fit your hand is very important.

You may think you are taking the best possible stance, and holding the gun so that everything is just right, but—do your shots have a tendency to go in any one direction? You "call" where they are all right, but they almost invariably go out in the same direction! If this is the case, and your shots hanker to go right or left, it may be either foot position or grip that is at fault. If they vary high or low at 2, 5, or 10 o'clock, it is probably the fault of a grip that

is out of kilter. The way to check up is this:

Fire a couple of shots—slow, of course, using your usual stance and grip. After the last shot is fired, take your usual rest period, and then extend the gun to your normal aiming position while you are looking in some direction away from the target. After the arm has been fully extended, look at the sights (never mind whether or not either the front or rear sight is pointing at the bullseye), and see if front and rear sights are aligned properly. If the front sight is not correctly positioned in the rear sight, your grip is wrong and some of your hits out in the white

can be attributed to the slight tension you have been, perhaps unconsciously, exerting on wrist muscles to align the sights. Shift the gun in your hand until, when you make this test, the sights are close to being perfectly aligned without any wrist movement at all.

Now let's check up on your stance, so far as facing the target is concerned. Take your usual position, and again fire two or three preliminary shots; then proceed as you did when checking up on your grip. Extend the gun to arm's length toward the target while you look away. With the arm fully extended, look over the sights and see if the gun is pointed right or left of the bullseye. If the gun is not pointing correctly close to the bullseye, change your stance to bring the gun to bear properly, and thus save the muscular effort necessary to swing the arm over to align the gun on the bullseye.

The reason you must have a grip that requires no tension in the wrist muscles to align front and rear sights, and a foot position that requires no tension in the shoulder muscles to align gun and bullseye, is that after you completely relax all muscles preparatory to letting off a shot, the natural thing is for your wrist and arm to assume their normal position, so you have to keep fighting this tendency all through the aiming time. If your mind is successful in this effort, the result is a good hit; but if your muscles win, as they frequently do, you get one of those so-called

"flyers," which aren't that at all.

On a windy day, out of doors, the correct foot stance is different than when shooting on a calm day or in a gallery. In a wind that is blowing across the range, face your target more fully than you do for gallery shooting, and if the wind is very strong, spread your feet farther apart than usual. Either or both of these changes will brace your body against the tendency to sway in a cross wind. By the same token, you can brace yourself against a six or twelve-o'clock wind by facing at a greater angle away

from the target.

Speaking of shooting in the wind, it is strange how many competitors never learn to shoot slow-fire on a windy, gusty range. If your relay catches a gusty, puffy time, don't stand with arm extended, cussing and fighting the wind. Instead, rest yourself during the gust, and when you feel the wind begin to die down, get ready to shoot-and fire as many shots as you can during the lull. Your scores under such a system will not be as good as you can do slowfire under good conditions, but you can be sure they will be better than if you attempt the usual procedure of a rest after each shot, and then have to fire part of the string, wind or no wind, to finish in time. I saw a shooter at one of the eastern matches fire a 95 at 50 yards slow-fire using this system during a wind that at times must have reached a velocity of 40 miles an hour. He shot during lulls, and needless to say, his 95 was high by a good many points.

The above check-up for foot position is commonly used by riflemen, but is not used nearly as often as it should be by pistolmen. Another practice of rifle shooters when firing offhand might very well be adopted by more pistoleers, and that is to take a camp stool to the firing line, and sit down between shots at slow-fire and between stages of timed and rapid. Such a rest may give you an added point, and one point has many times been all that was needed to win an important event.

If your arm begins to tire, don't under any circumstances continue to aim, thinking that you will get the shot off properly anyway. If you do fire under these circumstances, nine chances out of ten you'll jerk in spite of all you can do to avoid it. Take the gun down, and start all over again after you have taken a little rest.

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# **GUNSMITHS**

By E. A. DAUBENSPECK

AM NOT WRITING this in the spirit of reprisal, and I have no axe to grind; in fact, nothing appears to justify this article except the experience I had while rebuilding one of the 1917 Enfield rifles. Let it be understood before going further that without the help of gunsmiths I would not now have a very beautiful rifle, yet in a sense the result might be said to have been accomplished in spite of gunsmiths. The difficulties I encountered were so many and unexpected that I feel they might prove interesting to anyone contemplating remodeling a rifle.

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In accomplishing the more than gratifying result, I found it necessary to call to my assistance several gunsmiths and other experts. Much to the relief of the reader (I suspect), I am not enclosing the four conventional photographs portraying "the most beautiful rifle." Nor do I feel qualified to discuss the many technical phases of this or that feature which I have incorporated in my rifle. By eliminating technicalities and photographs we have only gunsmiths and other experts to work on. We can dispense with the "other experts" simply by stating that they are the so-and-so's who drop in from time to time to inspect your gun, and, noticing any progress, depart after giving you a lot of suggestions as to how you should have done it. In all fairness to those whose intentions were good, I will admit that their suggestions were usually good, too. And now that we have it boiled down to the one word "gunsmiths" as a famous politician once said, "let's get at it."

To give some idea of the extent to which I went to get what I wanted, I will begin by enumerating the trips my gun has made.

Winchester-made, I got it from the Rock Island Arsenal. Its next trip was to a prominent gunsmith in California, who returned it to Montana. In a week or two it again entered the mails, to be whisked to an equally prominent Pennsylvania gunsmith, for more work. Back it came, and finally its journeys were concluded when the bolt and trigger mechanism made a round trip to Wisconsin. You wonder why all the shipping around? Gunsmiths is the answer.

As a young man I grew to feel that a halo of gun lore and exactness hung over the grizzled heads of those venerable patriarchs known as gunsmiths. In my opinion they were craftsmen who put factory precision to shame with their marvelous creations. Men to whose door the world beat a magic path over which no one dared tread who had not money in sufficiently large amounts to pay well for the masterpieces they fashioned. Men who made gun parts fit like those of a fine watch. Needless to say I did not rate tinkerers in that manner, but before those who designated themselves "Expert Gunsmiths," I stood in absolute awe.

I do not think it fair to those who worked on my gun to mention their names here. They were, however, men to whose names was attached the title "Expert Gunsmiths." They have also been consistent advertisers in The American Rifleman. I refrain from giving their names because my experience may have been an exception; also for the reason that I am quite hard to please in such matters—probably too hard. At any rate, the general criticism which follows is given without hesitation; and, while it may seem unreasonable that anyone could have had so much difficulty with only one gun, yet such is the case.

I stripped off the Army stock and threw it away, sawed the tang off the front guard and had it welded back on without offset, filed and sawed off the rear sight and the clip lugs. After polishing the barrel and milling by hand the several places I wanted changed, I sent the gun, minus the stock, to California to be blued, machined, and have a new stock fitted. The stock was to be inletted and the barrel bedded-in, leaving the external shaping to me. Since I had had previous difficulty using peep sights, I wanted a suitable rear sight mount attached so I could fall back on an open sight if necessary. I had also cut the "ears" from the issue front sight, and asked to have a blade fitted. These directions, together with instructions to cut the magazine down to a capacity of five cartridges, were sent to an expert gunsmith. Unlike the instructions we sometimes hear about as being scribbled on much-folded pink paper, mine were typewritten.

Glancing back over the instructions, I see nothing difficult for an expert gunsmith to do, but, after considerable time had elapsed I got the gun back, and here is what I found: The front sight was all right. The rear sight mount was a peculiar creation such as a cubist might have designed, and as it looked out of place on an otherwise graceful barrel, I sweated it off. This of course ruined the blueing job on the barrel. The milling was so rough in places that the tool marks were easily discernible through The magazine was cut lower on one side than on the other. Some small parts had been deemed blue enough, and had not been re-blued; others were not blued evenly, especially in corners and grooves. Lastly, the stock, an excellent stick, was so poorly inletted and fitted that an object the size of a dime could have reposed comfortably in many places between wood and metal.

For weeks my fingers had been itching to get that gun and satisfy a longing to make it into the perfect rifle. I waded mud and snow to reach the post office in the hope that it might be there. I lacked the machinery and blueing equipment with which to do much of the work, but boy, how I could fix that stock! But when I saw what I have mentioned, I examined it carefully and then sought out the advertisement that had induced me to send the gun to California.

Sure enough, there it was: "Expert Gunsmith." How could I have gone wrong? My next impulse was to crash the whole thing into a nearby lake, so I started out with it. However, remembering my almost fiendish desire to overhaul one of these rifles, I didn't have the heart to junk it. I sat down and told the whole story to the gentleman who had done the work, and I must have poured into the letter some of the pathos of the situation, for return mail brought his check for the full amount I had paid him, with instructions to send the stock back collect. He was so absolutely sincere in his statements, and fair in his dealing, that I prepaid the stock back to him and refunded an amount sufficient to cover the work I found acceptable. All this left me no malice for the gunsmith, but it certainly wasn't improving my rifle.

I figured that if an expert couldn't do any better than that, I would order a circassian walnut stock, and fit it myself. I had never seen circassian except in the beautiful panels in beds and other furniture, and I envisioned a

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# THIS MATTER OF CANT

By WALTER F. ROPER

ONE OF THE THINGS I remember particularly about my early attempts to learn to shoot a pistol is the statement of the noted coach under whom I was struggling, that I must cure myself of a tendency to cant my pistol just a little bit to the left. In fact, he told me in no uncertain words that I never would shoot a decent score—simply couldn't—as long as I let the gun lay over that way.

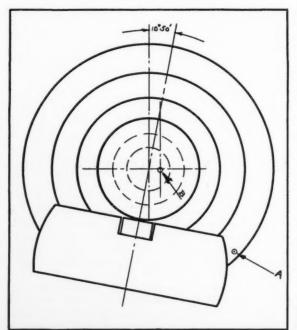
Pressed for information about the awful effects of my malady, he showed me a picture in a booklet on shooting (Figure 1) that indicated that just a wee little cant would put the shot way out in the white and way low—even if the hold was otherwise perfect. Later I measured the amount of cant indicated in that picture and found that it was about the same as my own—just a little less than 11

degrees.

I did my best to cure myself of canting. I spent hours at "dry" practice, but it didn't do any good; that pistol would assume its cant to the left during my "hold" every time I shot, and the funny thing about it was that the front sight looked perfectly vertical to my eyes until I stopped looking at the sights and focused my eyes on my hand! One day, however, while trying another shooter's gun which did not have the sights adjusted to correct for my cant as mine were supposed to be, I suddenly realized that I wasn't getting any of those terrible white shots as shown in the book!

Right then I quit worrying about cant, and for some fifteen years I managed to score the usual ninety-something-or-other of the average dub pistol shot fairly regularly. Probably I would never have given canting another thought if I hadn't run across my old coach a few months

Fig. 1—The picture shown in the book. With cant shown, which measures 10°-50', book says shot will strike at A. Assuming this is a 50-yd. target, the gun a .22, and range 50 yds., shot will actually strike at B. Dotted lines indicate 9 and 10-rings



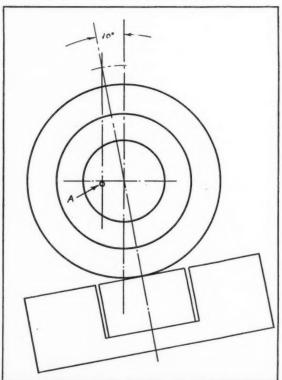
since. Darned if he didn't refer to my involuntary canting habit, adding that if I hadn't had that trouble I might have become quite a fair shot with a pistol! Right then I made up my mind to do a bit of belated investigating and find out just how much "cant" actually does affect one's shooting with a pistol.

It's funny how things that are not true continue to be believed. Reminds me of what an old friend told a very wise chap one day who gave a most ridiculous explanation of a problem. In a most disgusted tone my friend said, "Bill, it sure does beat hell how many things you know that aren't so!" Well, even before I had a chance to go to the range and test out the canting business by actually shooting, I found by some very simple figuring that even at 50 yards the cant bogey is mighty close to 100% bunk, doesn't amount to enough to even consider, and cannot possibly cause the shot to go where it was shown in the picture.

Maybe it's a shame to eliminate canting from the list of good alibis, but I'm more interested in showing shooters who have the "fault" that they need not worry about it, than I am in preserving a worn-out baseless alibi. So let's start by putting down why canting has any effect at all upon where the bullet strikes. The reason is that every bullet "drops"—is pulled toward the earth—as it travels from the gun to the target. It begins to drop the instant it leaves the muzzle, and continues to drop just as long as it is in flight.

Because of this drop, the barrel must be pointing above

Fig. 2—The way sights actually stand in relation to 50-yd. bullseye when shooter cants 10° because of eye fault. To him sights look horizontal. If gun is a .22 and range 50 yds., the point of impact will be at A



the spot we wish to hit when the bullet leaves the muzzle, and it must be pointing at a spot as much above the desired point of impact as the bullet drops in the time it takes to travel the distance to the target. If we hold the gun vertically and the sights are set properly for the distance we are shooting, the bullet starts off toward a point directly above the center of the bull, and travels in a curve as gravity pulls it downward, so that when it reaches the target it will be at just the right height to go smack through the center of the ten-ring.

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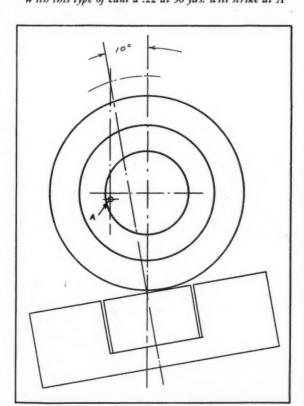
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There are two kinds of canting. One kind is caused by an eye condition that makes a slanting line look vertical, and the second kind is caused by a tight feeling in the arm when the hand is held so that the sights are plumb vertical. The shooter who cants because of the eye fault holds as shown in Figure 2, while the canter whose arm is more relaxed when twisted a little to the right or left will hold his sights as shown in Figure 3. We'll dig into both types of canting, and see just what effect they will have upon where the bullet strikes.

Let's suppose, first, that one has a kind of eye that makes a vertical line look slanting, and that you cant your pistol over to the left while aiming. That will make the six o'clock point appear to be over to the right a little from its true position. This, however, doesn't change the position of the sights in relation to the bore of the gun. It simply tips the plane through them over to the left, and the bullet will travel to the target in the inclined plane, the extension of the center line of the bore—or more correctly the "line of departure"—cutting the target not over the center of the bullseye, but to the left of it. Gravity, however, doesn't pull off at an angle—it pulls vertically always, so that in-

Fig. 3—The way sights stand in relation to bullseye when shooter cants gun to make his arm more comfortable. Note sights are centered on 6-o'clock point of bull. With this type of cant a .22 at 50 yds. will strike at A



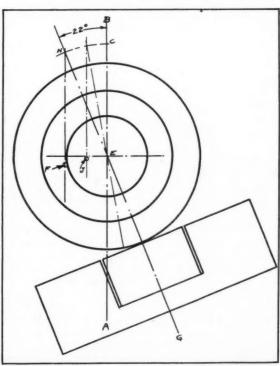
stead of falling downward in the plane through the bore and the sights as it did when the gun was held vertically, the bullet falls off to the left of this plane when the gun is canted to the left. That is what happens when the gun is canted because of an eye fault and what we want to know is: HOW MUCH lower, and how much to the side, will the bullet strike than it does when the gun is held vertically.

The answers to both of these questions depend upon how much the bullet drops in the distance being shot, and it is because the bullet drops only a small amount in even the maximum regulation pistol range, that cant doesn't cut any ice at all in target pistol shooting. Both the horizontal and vertical displacement due to cant can be figured by very simple formulae of trigonometry, and I'll give them in a moment; but let's do it graphically first, without any formula at all. Let's assume that we are shooting a .22 caliber pistol at 50 yards on the standard target, which has a ten-ring 3.39" in diameter. Let's see how much cant we can have and still have the shot cut the ten-ring.

By a most interesting method, which I hope to describe some day, I find that the .22 long rifle bullet (not high-speed) drops  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " in going 50 yards. With a pistol, we usually sight at the bottom edge of the bull, so in order that the bullet may strike in the center of the ten-ring when it drops  $4\frac{3}{4}$ ", we set our sights so that the line of departure of the bullet will cut the target  $\frac{3}{4}$ " above the top of the 8" bull. Then when the bullet drops  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " it will land in a most pleasing manner right on the "pimple."

Now look at Figure 4. Line A-B represents a plane that passes through the center of the bore and the sights when the gun is held vertically. Point C is where the line of departure cuts the target. Point E is  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " below C, and C-E is the drop of the bullet. That is the way things are

Fig. 4—Maximum amount of cant that will make 10's when shooting a .22 pistol at 50 yds.—22°. All drawings except Fig. 1 represent 8" 50-yd. bull, and sights as they appear in proportion to it. Point J is where shot would strike if gun were canted 10°



when the gun is held vertically. Now suppose we commit the horrible error of canting (due to an eye fault), even as much as is indicated by the line G-H; and boy, that 22 degrees is an honest-to-gosh cant, I mean! Point H is the same distance from what looks like the 6 o'clock point to us as point C is from the real 6 o'clock point. The bullet, pulled down by gravity, drops straight down on the line H-F—but look where it hits!

Remember, the drop is just the same as when the gun is held vertically, so the distance H-F is the same as C-E; but even with that rather ridiculous cant (22 degrees) the bullet still cuts the ten-ring very nicely. Maybe a little too near the edge to be perfectly satisfactory, but it's all the same on the scoreboard.

That surely is quite a little different from the result shown in the picture reproduced in Figure 1. In fact, to get the bullet to strike where it is shown there, with a cant of the 10 degrees shown, the bullet would have to have a drop of 33" in going 50 yards, and that would mean that it had a velocity of 100 feet per second! That brings it

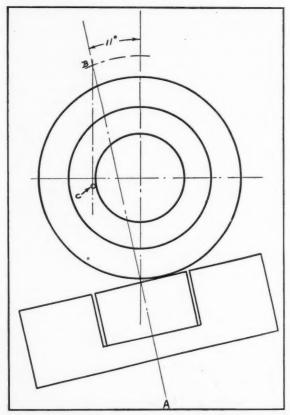


Fig. 5—Deliberate canting. 11° is maximum a .22 can be thus canted and still score 10's at 50 yds. Note center of sights is at 6-o'clock point. Few shooters have this habit

down to a case of "reductio ad absurdum" as our old school books used to put it, and the best thing to do is to throw the whole thing out. The fact is that you don't need to worry at all about any cant you may happen to develop because of your eyes, even when shooting at 50 yards—at least not on the Standard American Target. If you go in for free pistol shooting on the 2" ten-ring International Target you'll have to adjust your sights to offset the effect of your cant, and keep the cant the same for each shot.

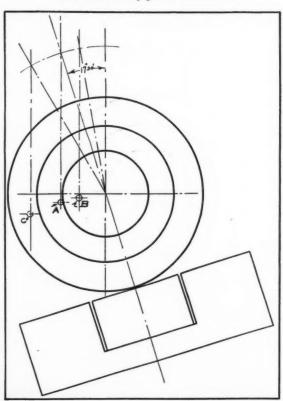
Canting due to an eye fault comes down to this: It affects the point of impact of your bullet in proportion to the amount the bullet drops in going the distance to the target. The drop is small at pistol ranges. The amount it will be displaced horizontally is the drop in inches times the SINE of the angle of cant. The amount the bullet will strike below the point it strikes when the gun is held plumb is equal to the drop in inches minus the drop times the cosine of the angle of cant. With the .22 LR bullet, which drops  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " in 50 yards, the horizontal displacement due to an angle of cant of 10 degrees is  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x .177, which amounts to .84". See point "J" Figure 4. For a trick cant of 30 degrees the horizontal displacement will be  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x .5, which amounts to  $2\frac{3}{8}$ " sidewise from the point the bullet would have hit had you held the gun on an even keel.

Holding as one does who has the eye fault, the vertical effect of canting the gun is even less than the horizontal effect. At 50 yards a cant of 10 degrees will make the .22 LR bullet strike only .07" below the spot it would hit if the pistol were held plumb. A 30-degree cant will make the bullet strike .64" low. If you roll your gun over more than that you are doing trick shooting, and I'm not interested

Things are a little different if you cant in order to make your arm feel comfortable, for then you probably hold your gun with the sights as drawn in Figure 5, and canting the pistol when the front sight is held under the true 6 o'clock point of the butt makes the plane through the sights and bore assume the position illustrated by line AB in Figure 5, B being the point at which the line of departure of the bullet will cut the target at 50 yards. The bullet will drop  $4\frac{3}{4}$ " straight down just as it did in Figure 4, but in this case a certain amount of cant will cause more lateral dis-

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Fig. 6—How canting a .38 affects point of impact. "A" shows shot just cutting 10-ring of 50-yd. target. Assuming range is 50 yds., angle of cant for A is 17° 30'. "B" is where shot will strike if gun is canted 10°. "C" is where shot will strike if gun is canted 30°



# MR. AVERAGE SHOOTER

By H. V. STENT

It is said to be wise, in writing a short story, to start with something sensational to catch the reader's interest, like: "'Hell!' said the Duchess, who up to this time had taken no part in the conversation."

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As the same may apply to writing articles for sporting magazines, I'm going to throw discretion to the winds and start off with that very risky thing, a strong statement—The conclusion forced upon me by some twenty years of reading sporting magazines, is that very few articles on rifles, their equipment, and use, are of much practical value to the great majority of magazine readers and rifle users generally.

In other words, the greater part of the rifle dope we read is written for a distinct minority: target-shooters, handloaders, and experienced, skillful marksmen; and hardly any of it for the ordinary man, who is the biggest customer for both guns and magazines. A small group of expert riflemen-writers sets the style in shooting articles, and through the latter exercises considerable influence on the products of all our arms and ammunition manufacturers, yet these gentlemen write nearly altogether from the point of view of the man who is, first and mainly, a target shor

Not that I blame them, or the editors of the magazines who print their articles. It is not easy to see other points of view than one's own, and it must be hard for a man of skill, experience, and vast technical knowledge, to bring himself down to the level of ordinary laymen. Furthermore, the ordinary man has neither writing skill nor extensive information on the subject of guns. About the only time he ever expresses his views to an editor is when he is stirred to the depths by anger, and the resulting product is not apt to be fine literature. So the most—and best—articles are bound to come from the expert riflemenwriters, and naturally the editors publish them.

But do these articles represent the views of Mr. John Q. Average Shooter? Just sit back and shut your eyes, and picture him as you know him. To me, the average shooter is a man who works for a living. He hasn't a large income or much spare time, and he likely has a home, a wife, and a family, and a car to keep up—or acquire. Also, both his income and his time have many demands made upon them.

He shoots for pleasure and enjoyment. He can't afford to spend much money on it, nor is it convenient for him to give it a great deal of time. Big-game hunts do not come every year, and require a lot of saving and arranging. He does a bit of bird shooting, perhaps an occasional round of skeet or traps, likes a stroll out in the spring or summer with a .22—and not much more. He can't afford to buy many rifles or many boxes of shells—individually. Collectively, he buys the majority of all that are sold.

Because shooting for him is just recreation, he likes to take it easy. Thus he does most of his shooting from the offhand position, mainly because he is usually standing on his hind legs when he sees something, and that seems the natural way to shoot. If he were in the habit of travelling around on the seat of his pants or the front of his shirt, the sitting or prone position would be the natural one for him; but men don't move around that way under their own power—at least not in this neck of the woods. Another characteristic of the average man is that he prefers

to shoot at live game, or at bottles, cans, chunks of wood or earth—something that shows results when he hits it. A tacked-up target is not a very interesting thing by comparison; and to go to the trouble of lying down full-length in the dirt, fussing around with a sling and a just-so position, concentrating all his nerves and muscles for a shot, and then doing it nine times more, is just plain foolishness to him.

Furthermore, it is expensive, and to do it regularly makes a considerable demand upon his time. So the ordinary man isn't likely to be a target-shooter, nor will target cranks easily make him one. Modern psychology tells us that man, in everything he does, tends to follow the line of least resistance; and you might think that over a bit before trying to preach the ordinary man into spending his few shells the hard way, in dull, uninteresting practice from a comparatively uncomfortable position.

If my analysis is correct, our ordinary man is bound to consider cost and convenience very much in his arms and equipment; to be interested mostly in hunting, and to be a mediocre marksman. And there are many facts to back up these assumptions: the great popularity of cheap .22-caliber rifles, for example; the wide use of the lowly .22 short, recently stated by one writer as comprising about 50% of all rim-fire ammunition sold; the popularity of lever- and slide-action guns, especially the new .348 Winchester; though all these items are despised by target shooters, and are subject to ridicule in our magazines. A few years ago Colonel Whelen wrote me that out of 1903 letters of inquiry about rifles and pistols which he received in the last half of 1932, 1182 were about hunting rifles for small game and deer, 246 about all-around big-game rifles, and just 204 about target rifles-rim-fire and center-fire together. So is my picture of the average rifle-user so far from the truth?

And if it is true, shouldn't we consider the average man's needs and desires rather than try to force him to use the equipment of the richer, more skillful marksmen who do most of their shooting at targets? Surely it's better to give the shooters what they want, and have pleased customers, than try to coax them to take what they don't want—and have a lot of half-dazed suckers wondering what they got the darned thing for anyway when it doesn't give them the pleasure and use that their own choice would have.

For a beginning, we could cut out all this propaganda about the importance of the prone position. The ordinary man doesn't like it, and it is not a practical hunting position. It can't be used in wooded country, where most hunting is done; and even in open and mountain country it is surprising how often something sticks up high enough to shut off your view when you try to shoot lying down.

And what's wrong with shooting offhand, anyway, if your legs are stronger than your stomach? Isn't good shooting from offhand just as creditable as good shooting from any other position? Groups are larger offhand, of course, but big game is a big mark, and ranges are usually short. And offhand is the position that gets the use. Let's quit raving about 2-inch groups prone at 100 yards, and talk about 6-inch groups offhand at the same distance. Anything our experts can find out to help shooting in the offhand position will be of use to the aver-

age man, and if we encourage him to do what little practicing he does in that position, it will do him a lot more good.

Rifle stocks should be designed with consideration for offhand shooting, too. Straight stocks and flat buttplates are really prone-target-shooting ideas: for offhand work we want nearer 3 inches than 2 inches drop at the heel, and a gently curved buttplate, somewhere between the old deeply curved Winchester and the present flat style.

Also, the idea of having all rifle stocks checkered, and shooting gun-slings fitted, is not so hot for the average man. He rarely has use for a sling, checkering has more artistic and imaginative value than practical worth, and both raise the cost several dollars. I believe all rifles should be available with plain uncheckered stocks and simple carrying gun-slings as options at a lower price. High combs and light trigger-pulls are worth a bit extra to most anyone, I think, but these other things are not nearly so valuable.

Now, the matter of actions. I realize, with a sinking heart, that to say anything against bolt-actions is to be classed at once by some as an ignorant backwoods so-and-so. But nasty names don't win debates, and fools rush in where angels fear to tread; and so I adjust my parachute, and begin. It seems to me that the feature which the average shooter appreciates most in a gun is convenience. For that matter, we all do; and I suspect it's because the bolt-action is a convenient action to use prone, and to clean, that those who do much target shooting prefer it. To many, too, it is convenient because they got used to it in the army.

But for the average shooter, who isn't drilled in the use of army rifles, or much interested in prone work, the convenient action is the one he can work most readily and easily offhand, kneeling, and sitting. And most unprejudiced observers will agree, I think, that the most convenient gun is the automatic or self-loader, followed next in order by the pump, then the lever, with the ordinary turn-bolt action last. It is because of this handiness of operation that the ordinary man likes the first three actions, not because of their speed. Speed is merely a proof of their handiness. The fact that 5 shots can be fired in less than 2 seconds from a lever-action, all to hit a foot square at short range; that 10 shots a second have been rattled off from a pump-action .22, doesn't mean that the average man will ever shoot them that fast; but it does mean that when he wants to pump a hurried second shot into the chamber under excitement, he can do it smoothly and easily without disturbing his view of the game. And that is worth a great deal.

It is worthy of note, also, that an action with a slim steel breech is more comfortable to carry around in your hand all day than is a bolt gun.

"But what about accuracy?" bursts out some fuming bolt-action brother. All right, what about it? First, how much accuracy can the average man use? It is my belief that the majority of rifle users, if plunked down 100 yards from a nice black-and-white target in the best prone position, with super-accurate rifle and sights, and all conditions favorable, would do well to average 3-inch ten-shot groups; and they'd hardly do as well in proportion at longer ranges. They wouldn't do any better, because the fine arts of holding steadily, aiming correctly, and squeezing off the shot with just the right coordination of eye and trigger finger, are not in their repertoires.

Yes, I know they could learn them by practice; but are they going to practice? Tell John Q. that he ought to practice more prone, and he might-thinking how almost 28 all his shooting is done offhand, how different game shooting is from target shooting, and how the vital area on a deer is something like a foot square—he might look you coldly in the eye, and ask: "What the hell for?" And what would you reply?

Three-inch groups at 100 yards, then, and proportionate grouping at longer ranges, is all the average man will ever need in a rifle; and it's a question whether any of us has much need for more in a big-game gun. And any of our American rifles will, I believe, give that accuracy. I know that some of them have been shown in tests to be shockingly inaccurate, but-well, there are tests and tests. Thus the .30-30 Winchester was said to be horribly inaccurate, but when shot by Charles Askins, Sr. it repeatedly gave 100yard groups of around 2 inches. Having heard of similar results, I believe that a thorough test of our automatic, pump, and lever rifles-under fair conditions, and carried out by a man with no preconceived prejudices against them, would show much better accuracy than we are usually led to believe, and would be of great service to the whole shooting fraternity.

As for the reliability, strength, etc., of these actions, they have been used too much by guides, woodsmen, and hunters generally-men who depend upon their rifles for their meat and sometimes for their lives, and who give guns the hardest kind of use-to leave any question in unbiased minds. When I hear some brother ranting about the inaccuracy, unreliability, etc., of pump and lever-actions (which he probably has hardly ever used), I think of a sentence in a letter from Leslie Simpson. This hunter of world-wide experience has killed, not the sixty-odd head of game which our most fortunate American shooters can boast, but thousands; and he wore out the barrels of several lever-action Winchester .405's and .30-'06's. Frequently with these lever guns he shot game at 400 yards, and some years after swinging over to bolt guns, he could still write: "I think it (the lever-action) sufficiently accurate for game-shooting in Africa, and found it reliable in action always."

In the light of this, any talk of lever-actions being inaccurate or unreliable smacks strongly of prejudice; and I believe that goes pretty well for pumps and automatics also. They are, I fancy, a trifle less positive in action than the Winchester lever-action, but the differences are very slight.

I consider that any of these actions is well suited to hunting use for anyone who is willing to give it a fair trial, and better for the average shooter than a bolt. I have nothing against the bolt-actions, mind you, and for anyone who wants to use them, they will give excellent satisfaction. I am considering what actions best suit -not you or me-but the ordinary shooter; and in view of the conclusions drawn, I maintain that we should be told much more about the good points of lever, pump, and automatic actions, and how to use them, with less exaggerated bunkum about them than we at present receive.

Now as to calibers. In a .22—the cheap little gun that gets more use than any other-the ordinary man wants, not a target gun, but something with which to shoot at squirrels, sparrows, gophers, etc.; also bottles, tin cans, chunks of dirt and wood-mostly from standing position and at short range (I'd guess from 3 feet to 35 yards). A single-shot .22 does him as well as any other, and is cheaper. A pump, if he can afford it, will likely best suit the ordinary man in repeaters. And the cartridge need not be the target-shooter's pet long rifle. For the ordinary man's uses and ranges, the short-especially in high-speed-is powerful enough. Why, therefore, John Q. should be urged to spend 64 cents for 100 long rifles when he can get 150 shorts for 57 cents, is another of those deep mysteries.

If his .22 shooting includes larger birds, rabbits, etc .-

larger marks which take more killing and can be shot at longer range—the use of long rifles and shorts interchangeably seems to be the solution; although the longer babies may stick a bit in the chamber after using the little pups. If the shooter is interested enough in this larger small game to use one cartridge especially for it in cheap rim-fire, he'll be well advised to skip the long rifle and take the .22 W. R. F.—with 20% more zoop and noticeably greater killing-power. It is available in some of our cheapest .22 rifles as well as fine pump repeaters by Winchester and Remington, costs about one cent per shot, and deserves a lot more publicity than it gets.

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For the man that wants more power than this, the .22 Hornet is a splendid cartridge. It costs over 3 cents a shot, and I sometimes wonder if the old .25 Stevens rimfire—with its 67-grain bullet speeded up to 1400 f.s., and duly press-agented—wouldn't find a good market. It would have 66% more energy than the long rifle, at a cost of less than 2 cents per round. But that is mere conjecture, and the Hornet leaves nothing to be desired in power, flat trajectory, and accuracy, up to 150 yards.

That is ample for the average man's vermin-shooting. These 300- and 400-yard shots on chucks are merely a fad for skilled riflemen, and not at all common. The one kind of vermin which the average man may encounter frequently at much over 100 yards is the coyote, regarded rather seriously by many ranchers and farmers because of his "taking" ways and valuable hide. For this bigger animal, at longer ranges, the .219 Zipper and .250 Savage are the rifles, the latter being superior at the longer ranges. If the average man cares to try them, the bolt-user's .220

Swift and .257 Roberts are better still; but he will rarely need the pep and speed of even the .219 Zipper and .250-3000. The difference between these two pairs of cartridges is not great; and should Savage see fit to put out their Model 99 with a fairly heavy 26-inch barrel in .250 and .22 high-power calibers, and load the latter cartridge with light, swift bullets, the difference would be darned little. Just another conjecture; but that Savage 99 is very accurate, good for Spitzer bullets, and better adapted for low scope mounting than most bolt-actions, besides being smooth and handy to operate and carry. It might be worth some thought.

We turn now to the rifles for deer, which animals are usually shot in the woods at ranges under 100 yards; and the .30-30 class of gun is quite satisfactory for the average man. It is a handy gun to carry and to shoot, has not much recoil, and the bullets cut through brush better than the light high-speed missiles. And there is power enough, as the thousands of deer killed with a single bullet from such guns prove. Of course, you can find instances in which any rifle has proven ineffective, if you look for them. (Just ask Elmer Keith about the .30-'06, sometime.) The .30-30 bullet has the same diameter as the .30-'06 bullet, and is made in similar weights. The .30-30 muzzle velocities equal .30-'06 velocities at about 250 yards, and if the '06 is big enough for anything that walks, up to 400 yards or more, why isn't the .30-30 a good rifle, and possibly for bigger game at woods ranges?

The .32 Special, .30, and .32 Remington rimless are all in the .30-30 class. The .303 Savage, with its heavy bullet, is perhaps the best killer of the lot, and too little heard of.

The late R. F. Sedgley testing a rifle at the home of F. W. Breuil, at Eldorado, Md. Mr. Breuil is shown at left, with L. J. Hathaway center



However, the .30-30 is now being loaded by Peters with 180-grain bullet, and this is the cartridge for the odd shot

at moose, etc., with this caliber.

If there is much chance for bigger game than deer and black bear, the average man had better try a bigger rifle. The .30-30 class will kill anything in North America, but more power kills better, especially if the bullet is not so well placed. But the power must not be so great as to cause John Q. to flinch and miss (and be it noted that John Q., doing as little shooting as he does, is distinctly susceptible to recoil and muzzle blast). From what I have seen, I consider that even the .270 and .30-'06 are too powerful for the ordinary man, let alone the .300 Magnum and .348. Recommend them to the average man, and you simply urge him to adopt a gun that he will use with nervousness, and less effectively than he would a lighter gun.

The heaviest guns that the average man can handle well, are, I think, the .30-40, .300 Savage, 7-mm., .33 Winchester, and .35 Remington. All of them have splendid reputations as killers, and at ordinary ranges show up just about as well as high-speed guns, all theories to the contrary notwithstanding. The 7-mm., .300, and .30-40 are flat enough in trajectory for shooting in open country, and the last-mentioned cartridge could be modernized to give 2800-2900 f.-s. with 150-grain bullet in the 28-inch barrel of the Model 95 Winchester, with other loads in proportion; making this an ideal combination of power, flat trajectory, and light recoil. As the bullet can usually be placed fairly well in open shooting, the .250-3000 comes in here too, and this also is a cartridge with a great reputation, and very mild in recoil.

Moreover, in this kind of shooting, with a larger proportion of prone shots, the bolt-action guns show up well enough in comparison with others, and are chambered for some excellent cartridges. But most of them, save the .220 Swift, .257, and 7-mm., have excessive recoil, their added range is of little or no value to the ordinary shot,

and they are poor saddle guns. They can be used with satisfaction, but on the whole the advantage between this and other types of actions—for the average man—lies with the other guns, I believe.

A brief word about sights. For speed, ruggedness, and simplicity, the open sight comes first, the peep second, and the scope a rather poor third. Likewise in the matter of expense. In the matter of accuracy and ease of using, the order is reversed. For woods shooting, where sights may have rough usage and speed of aim is sometimes important -and fine accuracy less so, open sights will give excellent satisfaction—as they have done for years in the hands of hundreds of guides and woodsmen. On vermin rifles they do well enough at short ranges. For medium and long range, on any type of rifle, I think the peep is worth having, and the scope worth trying-especially for the man with poor sight, and for the coyote hunter. However, far more game is killed at long ranges with open and peep sights than writers lead us to believe, and it is very much of a question in my mind whether the scope is worth its very considerable cost-to the average man with little money. But by all means try it if you feel inclined to.

An important matter in regard to sights for the average man is that he shouldn't have to pay for expensive features that he will not use, such as micrometer click adjustments. A plain sight with simple adjustments and no fancy frills is just as good for him as the more costly article.

As I approach the end of these rambling remarks, I have a suspicion that not a few will rise up in their pews and call me prejudiced and crazy. They may be right, but I have tried honestly to express what I think are the attitudes, needs, and desires of the average man. If my guess is wrong, I'll be glad to be corrected. But if I am right, John Q. Average Shooter has been a forgotten man in the rifle world for lo these many years. He buys most of the guns, equipment, and accessories, but apparently he's like Dad—who pays the bills for the family but never gets much say in how the money is spent.

#### THE PISGAH HUNT

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Not that we couldn't take it, but purely upon the advice of our host, Jim Beloungdy, we selected the main hunt, merely taking a look in on the wilderness hunt on our return from a trip which would prove the above statement—a trek of three miles—plus a twenty-two mile ride in an open job, narrow gauge logging railroader up Hooper's Bald in the Great Smoky Mountains, for a shot at the wild Russian boar or elusive bear—but that's another story.

The wilderness hunt in particular paid dividends to those hardy nimrods. We couldn't help being impressed by the fourteen deer carried out by pack horses the afternoon of our leaving, whetting our desire to get on a stand of the main

hunt the following week.

It seems that the management of the "Pioneer Radio Station of the South", WBT, Charlotte, N. C., was thinking the same thing, so a broadcast was arranged. Of course, the fact that program director Charles Crutchfield, the man to make the first on-the-firing-line broadcast of a major rifle match and chief engineer Jim Beloungdy, along with announcer Bill Bivens and others of the WBT staff were in the wilderness hunt may have favored the idea, but a broadcast was made, and another "first" was marked up for that station. Thirty-five miles of wire was strung up to connect with

the nearest telephone lines; pack horses carried in the amplifiers, microphones, and other equipment, and installation made on the banks of Big Creek, deep in the Pisgah National Forest to bring to the outside world the story of hunters in the wilds of one of Uncle Sam's greatest ventures in game preservation.

Conservation is a part of "the typical American sport." When once you hear the story first hand, as we did, from Supervisor H. E. Ochsner, of the U. S. Forest Service; Fred Ruff, Game Technician of the Service; Chief Ranger of the hunt, John Squires, as they were interviewed by WBT announcers Crutchfield and Bivens, you sense the work of scientific investigation on wildlife; the wise management as regards comparative food supply and size of herd, which dictates the hunting regulations; the careful selection of ranger personnel and other details, as exemplified in this part of the U. S. Forest Service's plan of utilization of National Forest Land.

The newspapers and now radio have made their services available for a better understanding of the seemingly paradoxical doctrines of hunting and game preservation.—W. F. SHADEL.

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# THURMAN RANDLE AND J.R.MARTIN STAR AT OKLAHOMA MATCHES

#### "PALMA MATCH." PALMA KLEANBORE" AND MODEL 37 SHOOTERS SWEEP EVENTS

#### 19 out of 22 first places, including all 3 aggregates, won with Remington Ammunition

OKMULGEE, Okla.-Shooting Palma Match and a Model 37, veteran Thurman Randle of Dallas, Texas, proved the outstanding shooter at the 13th annual matches of the Oklahoma Rifle Association. Randle took first place in the Oklahoma championship aggre-

gate with 2907, an 8 point margin over McLeod Greathouse (Palma Kleanbore), who was second. Randle also won the iron sight aggregate with 1556, and was third in the any sights aggregate.

J. R. Martin of Wichita Falls, shooting Palma Kleanbore, won two individual events, the 100-yard open and the Dewar, and the any sights aggregate.

#### Tulsa wins team event

The Tulsa Rifle Club won the 4-man team event with 1567, a margin of 9 points over the Wichita Falls Rifle Club. All four of the Tulsa team used Palma Kleanbore, as did two of the Wichita Falls team, with a third member using Palma Match.

J. P. Steele and McLeod A. Greathouse of Fort Worth won the 2-man team event with 774, both shooting Palma Kleanbore.

J. R. Berryman of Tulsa won two Class B events, as did C. F. Sellers of Bunker Hill, Kansas. Both used Palma Kleanbore, and Sellers used a Model 37.

Frank' Record of Wichita Falls, Texas, won the Short Range Individual Match, Class A, with 395 x 400, shooting a Model 37 and Palma Kleanbore. Other winners include H. E. Brill, J. P. Steele and C. N. Wynkoop, all of whom shot Palma Kleanbore ammunition, as well as Earl Shick, Dr. R. G. Carl and E. B. Stout, who won with Palma



Thurman Randle of Dallas, Texas, does it again . . . winning 2 aggregates in Oklahoma shoot.



McLeod Greathouse was second in the Oklahoma Championship aggregate...won in 2-man team event.

#### POSSIBLES an **IMPOSSIBLES**

by FRANK J. KAHRS



Jerry Naimi of the Infantry Re Team tried the new Remington P Springfield ammunition at Cample He tied the winner of the President Match with a score of 146, but ranked third. He scored 48, 48 an at 200, 600 and 1000 yards respecti

Sgt. Albert K. T. Ho of the He National Guard, 298th Infan Honolulu, was high in the Preside Match for the National Guard Tre with a score of 142. He also shot P Springfield.

Norman MacEwan, instructor of Norman MacEswan, Instructor or Junior Division of the Wheeling & & Pistol Club, Wheeling, W. Va, cently knocked out a 10X possib 100 yards and was awarded a bras It was his first "offense." He established a club record in the caliber class, firing a 30-shot strin the Army "D" Target at 200 ya dropping only 3 points to score 227 shot Hi-Skor ammunition.

Charles M. Cronk, also of Whee won the Hancher Trophy with 330 17X's. This was really a fine perfo ance as a heavy fog, which had set on the range, and a shifty wind o bined to make conditions very He also shot Hi-Skor.

I see the Brass City Rifle Club Waterbury, Conn., has been hold its fall matches with George Shelds starring. George turned in two posibles, winning the Grand Aggregat the 50-meter iron sight match, an 2-man event teamed with Guy Morhouse. George shot Palma Kleanbon

Had a letter the other day from H. I. Raby of Norvell, Michigan, who's sti putting 'em in the 10 ring even thou he's past the first milepost in the eighties. He sent us a newspaper dip ping reporting some truly exception shooting done by Charles Greiner the Grass Lakes Rifle Club. I was ever ASO more interested to notice that Mi Min Raby tied for first place in Class A pro

They seem to shoot better by car head lights than by daylight out in Sa Antonio, Texas. In a recent shoot held shoot by the Liberty Rifle and Pistol Clux n, F the last two events were shot after and dark . . . and were won with higher scores than were made in some of the Pain daylight events.

Don Lawrence of the Austin Police res won the last two individual events of g a the program with Remington amm<sup>3</sup> d th nition. He scored 287 over the Nt-tional Match course. The Texas Rang ers won the team event, shooting to Remington ammunition.

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#### RED LETTER DAY... BEING CASUAL ABOUT THAT FIRST IOX POSSIBLE



#### MORE SHOOTERS EARN 10X AND 400 BRASSARDS



#### **10X MADE IN COMPETITION** Edwin Cole of Highland Park, Ill., made this 10x in

the 100-yard stage of the Dewar Match (iron sights) shooting a Model 37.



#### SCORED IN COMPETITION

H. P. Rettinger, Sunbury, Pa., won his 400 brassard with good old Palma Match. Here's one of his 100-yard





### **GETS 2 BRASSARDS** C. Barrow, Sunbury, Pa., scored 400 x 400, and as this 100-yard target shows, gets a 10x Brassard as well. Palma Match.

Proof of the accuracy of this new regular-price ammuni-tion. Made at 100 yards by John R. Whitehead of Roan Mt., Tenn.



S. E. Pipes, Monroe, La., sends us a nice set of tar-gets adding up to 400 x 400 over the Dewar course, iron sights. 100-yard targets shown.

Robert Berner, Dayton, O., made this 10x at 100 yards



B. Fleming, Sunbury, gets his 400 brassard. Composite of 100-yard tar-gets shown.



#### THE TARGET OF THE MONTH



Here's a truly exceptional 10X possible at 100 yards. Made by Gerard J. Gagne of North Grosvenordale, Con-necticut, with a Model 37 and Palma Match.

Send in your hot targets to Frank Kahrs, Remington Arms Co., Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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g't Thomas E. Jones of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, who won High Individual score at the Thos. A. McGinley Match.

### Penn Motor Police Sergeant scores 281x300 with Targetmaster

SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS, Penna.-Topping the pick of the country's police marksmen, Sergeant Thomas E. Jones of the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol turned in a score of 281 in the 14th annual McGinley Police Match here to win the High Individual title. He was shooting the new Remington .38 Targetmaster ammunition.

### 46 teams compete

There were 46 four-man teams competing in the match, which has become a classic in police target shooting. The shoot is sponsored by Mr. Thos. A. McGinley, and is held on his estate.

### Penn team second

The Pennsylvania Motor Police team placed second in the team match, scoring 1089. The team consisted of Jones, T. E. Eshleman (winner of the Police Field Firing Match at Perry), who scored 274, W. A. Stile, 269, and B. L. Burtner, who had 265. The entire team used .38 Targetmaster.

### G. W. PAINE WINS **CERRO GORDO** rom H. E ISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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ASON CITY, Iowa—G. W. Paine Minneapolis, Minn., won the Class Arro Gordo Championship event the recent registered pistol shoot this city.

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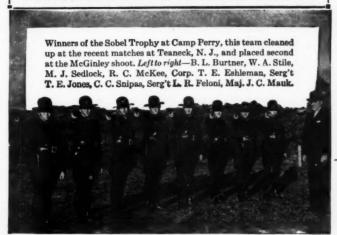
### E. C. HAMLEY SCORES 400 in Dewar at So. California matches

E. C. "Doc" Hamley, Jr., of Glendale, recently made the first 400 x 400 ever scored in the Dewar (iron sights) in a Southern California League Match. "Doc" was shooting Palma Kleanbore, and his possible earns him a Remington 400 brassard to match his 10X brassard.

### **HEISER WINS AT LEHIGH** VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

R. D. Heiser scored 198 x 200 to win the 50-meter iron sights event at the recent Lehigh Valley Championships. Heiser also ranked third in the aggregate with 988 x 1000. He used Palma Match.

### PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR POLICE PISTOL TEAM



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### **GUNSMITHS**

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stock of such wood. To Pennsylvania went an order, and in due time the stock blank arrived. It was the color of white pine, and had but little more grain.

I had grown to respect gunsmiths while living in Pennsylvania, and I thought these Pennsylvania boys might have a little more on the ball than the average, so with hopes again high, I tied the barrel and stock together and sent the whole thing back there. This time I was again guided by the ads in our favorite magazine, and I wrote out the most specific set of instructions any gunsmith ever received: Re-blue EVERYTHING; mill receiver to fit Lyman 48 rear sight; fill ramp front sight; inlet action and bed barrel in a \$13.00 American walnut stock, and fix bolt to cock on opening. This gunsmith seemed to have a fine reputation, and I expected to have to pay plenty for the work; but I thought that if it took money to get a good job, I would shoot the works, once, anyway.

Again weeks rolled by before I saw my pride and joy, but when it arrived this time I noticed that I was beginning to get somewhere. The blueing job was positively beautiful. The bolt did not cock on opening, for which I was nevertheless charged, and I had to get the written statement of another gunsmith to the effect that it hadn't been made to cock on opening before I was refunded the cost. The receiver was milled, drilled, and tapped for the Lyman 48, and the ramp front was all right. The stock was a beautiful piece of butt walnut, and fitted in every way except for about an eighth of an inch clearance at the rear of the receiver; but the gunsmith assured me that the hole would "take up" when the gun had been shot a while. Confidentially, I do not think they have ever made enough ammunition to do the trick, but time should tell. The pinecolored stock was returned to me with the statement that it was no longer of any use to its former owner. Contrast the conditions here with the California gunsmith's adjustment.

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Now for the final trip for the bolt. I sent it to a Wisconsin "gunsmith" who dubs himself such in the columns of The Rifleman. He complained that the other fellow had almost ruined it, but that he was able to do.a first-class job on it. The only thing I could find wrong with it upon its return was air-holes in the weld, while the round portion of the cocking piece was egg-shaped.

Well, at last I had corraled all the gadgets and other parts I expected to use. King swivels, Shooters' Specialty recoil pad, sheep-lined case, Army sling, Whiteman's checkering tools—and Job's patience. I got at the stock, shaping a semi-beavertail forearm, high comb, and cheek piece. Eventually, with rasps and sandpaper, I worked it to my own satisfaction, fitting as I went the flush plates for the demountable swivels. These plates must be re-shaped in the case of a flat forearm, as they come only with the curvature of the metal stock from which they are made. This calls for re-blueing.

Next came the rear sight and the recoil pad. The latter was easy, but I soon found trouble with the sight. The holes had been tapped so far back that the sight base interfered with the bolt handle. Since the handle was polished and would not require blueing, I filed it away to secure the necessary clearance.

After raising the grain on the stock twice, no fewer than 36 coats of raw oil, boiled oil, raw oil and varnish, shellac, and other combinations of ointments and unguents were applied to the wood to produce the desired finish. This was necessitated mainly by the persistent seeping of some

fancy preservative with which the blank had been treated. Checkering was not difficult, as I used Whiteman's tools.

And now for sighting-in. I snapped on the sling, wondering if the assemblage that had given me so much entertainment during the winter months would hold together or fly to the several states whence the different parts had come. The front sight was too high to retain the low line of sight I desired, so I considered means of lowering it, only to find that I had to cut down the blade, re-drill it, file off some of the base, and re-blue the complete sight. All right. I was getting sort of fed up on this thing, but I would do it anyway, just to have the satisfaction of owning a gun exactly as I wanted it. Now, one would naturally think that an eastern gunsmith would have in stock, or could get, a sight to fit almost any barrel. But such must not be the case, for when I took off the ramp there was the cleverest little steel shim wrapped around the barrel and just wide enough to escape detection without removal of the sight. It was the only time I had been tempted to cut off the barrel, and I should have done so if the sight would have slipped on far enough to clear the key groove, which it would not. So I worked it over, and attached it as before.

What have I managed to salvage out of this? Well, a reliable dealer estimated the value of my gun at \$125.00. While I do give gunsmiths credit for much of the work, I feel that I have made a gun in spite of them. I would not have anyone take this as a blanket indictment of all gunsmiths, but I do believe it a bit unusual after carefully selecting what I took to be expert gunsmiths, that I should have chosen men who in every instance fell short in one way or another. Someone does make fine guns, however, and in spite of my bitter experience I ogle and drool at the sight of a fine firearm. Griffin & Howe and some of the other notables in guncraft cannot possibly make all the masterpieces, so I suppose it was my misfortune to have caught good men in off moments.

### TRY JACKRABBIT SHOOTING

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However, woe betide the jackrabbit hunter who can't see beyond the jackrabbit. Many farmers and ranchmen positively refuse to allow a rifle hunter on the place. Shoot the shotgun all you please, but nix on a rifle. Why? Because some damphool ventilated the invaluable bovine milk producer, or crippled unto death a good horse or two. Another playful prank of the same breed of idiots is to blast away with a Springfield over a flat, frozen field. Of course the dumbbells can't yet understand why the farmer objected to those 180-grain bullets screaming over his house. Be careful about this sort of thing, and never fail to have a hunting license in your pocket and to get permission to hunt.

The main trouble with 90% of all our big-game hunters is that they go into the game field with absolutely no rifle practice. Also, their legs are soft and rubbery, their bellies are flabby and their eyes are dim with cigarette smoke. Now, when all these weaknesses are added together it is no wonder that so many deer are missed completely, while as many others go off sorely wounded. There is no excuse for lack of rifle practice and training. If you can't do any better you can dry-practice in your room. This rifle exercise will at least harden your muscles and train your eye to your sights (I practice it for a month before leaving on a hunt). But actual firing at running jackrabbits with your deer rifle is the best way to gain the absolutely necessary skill that I know of. It is the kind of rifle work that will put buckskin steaks into your frying pan.

### OLD MUZZLE LOADERS

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However, we find certain types of these rifles that were especially made for use with a bullet cast in two parts, with the base of pure lead and the front part of hardened metal-frequently babbit metal. Almost invariably these rifles were made for use with a paper patch, either the twostrip or the cross-patch, cut from a bond paper and slightly oiled with pure sperm oil before use. The late Norman S. Brockway told me that his very finest-shooting rifles were rifled especially for this type of bullet, and were used with the paper patch slightly wet with sperm oil; but we know that he also made many very accurate rifles that were made for the "sugar loaf" type of bullet used with a cloth patch.

The bullets of whatever type of these old muzzle-loading target rifles were always "swaged" before use, and in this process of swaging the shape and often the size of the bullet was changed. By that I mean that the bullet might be cast somewhat smaller than the bore of the rifle, or not quite the desired shape; then it was swaged to the correct size and shape. The swage was simply a hardened steel die with a plunger, ground to the diameter and shape of the bullet desired, in which the bullet was placed and the plunger struck with a mallet so as to upset the bullet and shape it correctly. Then the swage was held bottom side up and struck with the mallet to jar out the bullet. Some swages were intended to be slightly oiled with sperm oil before use, so the bullet would not stick therein. Other makers advised slightly lubricating the bullets with beef tallow before swaging, which was done by rubbing a little tallow on the hands and rolling the bullets between the palms. With the majority of swages we find this latter method gives the best results and the bullets come out of the swage easily. But do not get too much tallow on the bullets-just a very thin film is sufficient. Many of the old-time bullet moulds were very crude, and the bullets simply had to be swaged to shape, but with our modern bullet moulds that cast bullets the right size and shape, we find that swaging is often not necessary in order to get the finest accuracy.

### THIS MATTER OF CANT

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placement of the point of impact, and only 11 degrees of cant can be taken and still make 10's. This, however, is a long, long way from what we've been told canting will do to the point of impact of the shot.

Now let's take a look at the .38 Special, as someone is sure to bring up the point that, due to the upward kick of the gun, the bullet is said to have upward velocity of some 50 feet per second when it leaves the muzzle, and that that must have a real effect upon the result when the gun is canted. The truth is that every handgun moves upward during the time the bullet is passing through the barrel, and the .38 is only different in amount of up-kick from the .22. Just measure the height of the back and front sights above the center of the bore, and see where the bore is pointing before discharge, if you wish to check up on that statement. That upward jump doesn't stop old gravity from working, however, and the bullet will be pulled downward exactly the same amount that it would be if it had fallen off a shelf.

Back a ways we remarked that the expression "line of

departure" was more correct than "line of bore." It is because it takes into consideration the upward velocity of the bullet due to the recoil. That line of departure is simply the tangent to the trajectory curve of the bullet at the instant the bullet leaves the muzzle. The bullet falls below the point where that line of departure would pierce the target if it was extended to it, by the drop due to gravity.

What that upward toss given the bullet by a harder kicking gun like a .38 Special does is to make it necessary to sight the gun enough lower to make up for the toss. The .38 Special bullet drops 6" in traveling 50 yards, so the line of departure must cut the target 6" above the center of the ten ring. The center line of the barrel will point way below the sighting point before discharge, but the uptoss will, if the gun is properly sighted, make the line of departure such that if extended to the target it will cut it 6" above the center of the bull.

The up-toss therefore has no effect upon the result of canting, and we have simply a drop of 6" to consider. Using the formulae already given for the effect of cant due to eye fault, we find that a 10-degree cant will make the .38 Special bullet strike 1.04" to the side and .09" below the center of the bull at 50 yards. A 30-degree cant will make it strike 3" out horizontally and .804" below the center of the ten ring, and a 45-degree cant will give you a pretty little hole 4.24" to the left or right depending upon which way you cant the gun, and 1.75" lower than it should be to knock the pimple out. So even with a .38 Special at the longest standard target range, canting doesn't cause the damage we've been led to believe.

If you cant your .38 to make your arm feel more comfortable, and hold at the real 6 o'clock point, the effect will be a little more pronounced, but easily offset by sight adjustment. Figure 6 shows where the shots will strike with cants of 10 and 20 degrees due to both the causes mentioned.

The moral of this story is that canting a handgun isn't of enough importance to warrant any consideration, and as an alibi-well, don't blame a cant of five or six degrees for that nice juicy five down at seven o'clock! Canting wasn't the cause of it, by a long shot.

### HOME GUNSMITHING

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better and lasts longer on wood than does either sandpaper or emery cloth. As it fills up with wood dust it can be struck against the edge or leg of the bench, when most of the dust will be shaken out.

One man of my acquaintance, in remodelling a stock, cut a square tenon on the grip, and after boring the hole in the butt piece he squared it up with chisels. This takes a little longer, but a butt piece so fitted needs no locking dowel to prevent it from turning on the tenon, whereas with the round tenon it will be safer to run a 1/2-inch dowel up from the bottom of the pistol grip, after it has been formed, and almost through the tenon. This dowel can best be glued into place with duPont cement. I do not claim credit for inventing this "tenon" method of remodelling a buttstock. As far as I know, it originated with a gunsmith (I believe his name is John Harrison) of Gold Hill, Oregon. I have, however, used it several times, very successfully.

Incidentally, this tenon and new-butt method of remodelling stocks is not confined to bolt-action rifles, it being applicable also to lever and slide-action rifles, where one does not care to undertake the work of inletting an action into a new stock. The tenon in this case would be farther back from the action, although it need not clear

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### OVER THE NEWS DESK

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Admitting the ever-increasing degree of feminine talent on rifle and pistol ranges, shooting is primarily a man's game. Be this as it may, the following, written by a woman, and the secretary of a rifle and pistol club to boot, is, despite the growls that will be forthcoming from our outraged male readers, addressed—

### TO THE LADIES

and specifically to those non-shooting wives of shooting husbands. The men may read it when friend wife isn't looking, if they wish—and they may find in it something worthy a thought or two. But by all means let her read it!

"There are some new men on the firing line, boys, and they need help," our pistol and rile club president began. "There are just two ways to help them," he continued, "the right way and the wrong way. The right way is to stand at the new man's shoulder, ready and willing to help him where he needs help and when he needs it, because you are interested in him as an individual and as a club member. The wrong way is to show off and make the man feel inadequate because of your comparative ability. The strength of the club rests on your choice."

In the same way which our club has chosen this spirit of willing cooperation in a competitive game, I wish I might talk to sweethearts and wives of old shooters or reborn ones. You will not find my name among the few good women shots though I honor them for their ability to hold their places among men with no compromise. Your men folk do not know me; I might be the wife of any NRA member. The real reason I am the secretary of a club is that I talked too much at an annual meeting about the organization falling down, not for lack of interest in shooting but for lack of detail, as no man wanted to do the nasty work of the club. In other words, that was too good a target to leave unposted and I got the job. Some day I would like to put in enough time practicing shooting to take a place on a firing line, strong and steady and capable of shooting with the best. But in the meantime I will raise a family and try to learn to shoot clean targets in every problem which faces me. Some day I may make a "possible," but now the strength of the club resst upon my way of helping other shooters—because I am a link in a big chain.

There is a saying that "God is never found at the end of an argument." That is true of any argument and especially one about whether a man loves you more than his gun. I made that mistake once. Please, girls, never do it. You may get tears, or temper or divorce or a box of candy or sullenness or compromise but never harmony. To a man there is no conflict in the idea of loving both you and his guns and he will never understand why you need to contest the fact. He will take it for granted that you both have your place along with his business, indispensable to his life and happiness. And he will respect you to keep your place at his shoulder to help him willingly where and when he needs you.

You may never have respected a gun. Learn to. This will keep you safe. Treat a gun at all times as though it were loaded until you have proved for yourself it is not. One does not point even an empty gun at a person. If a gun is not pointed at you you cannot be shot. To know fear and to be afraid are two different things. Always know a gun can kill, but know also that a gun need not kill. Automobiles injure more people than bullets. If you can respect the man behind the gun you can respect a gun. If you are the kind of a girl who is accustomed to ex-

cusing herself from character obligations and if you are not married yet—don't. Respect for your partner's chief hobby is absolutely necessary.

The person who would become an expert marksman does not excuse himself short of perfection. The person who has just one occupation in which he allows himself no error is superior to the majority of people. The man who catches the value of this principle and applies it to his work as well as to his hobby will get ahead. The man who applies it to his character as well as to his hobby and work will know the supreme thrills of life. All gun lovers do not hold themselves to all perfections by any means but they have a start—and it is too good a start to chance spoiling. But be very, very careful not to commercialize on this idea. Your friend, husband,

### NEW CLOSING DATES

In an effort to keep the tournament reviews section of the AMERICAN RIFLE-MAN more up-to-date than it has been in the past, news, to be acceptable for publication, must reach the offices of the association not later than the 5th of the month, for use in the issue of the following month. In addition, no copy pertaining to shoots held more than two months before the story is printed can be used. In other words, all material for the January issue must reach us at least by the 5th of December, and as much sooner as possible, and must pertain to shoots conducted after the first of November previous.

or husband-to-be may never have consciously made this diagnosis of himself. It is not the popular thing these days to suppose that assuming responsibility can give pleasure. You need not be fooled by popular opinion for few people know how to be happy. The secret of a hobby is to narrow oneself to certain restrictions, so one may let out his (or her) energy not only safely but creatively. The result, though it may look to you like a piece of paper with a black spot in the center punched full of holes and wasted, is in reality a sacred target with perfection written across it in letters of lead. So, though guns may not interest you, do share his pride in achievement. When you have children you will know a man never should cease to be a small boy—once in a while.

Never scorn your husband's boyishness about guns. Many things age us and too few things keep us young. You may feel very forgotten when the man gets to talking guns and completely forgets you exist. He may be very rude if he is among fellow gun lovers or shooters. You need not excuse him but forgive him or go to something you like better in the first place and enjoy yourself. At Camp Perry one year I sat in the mess hall eating dinner amid the normal clatter of dishes. I was attracted by a girl and young man across from us, sister and brother I judged by resemblance. The boy was so elated about a certain match he had just witnessed he could not eat the meager portions he had taken on his plate. Two hands were gesticulating wildly and his eyes shone as he spun a yarn to an army officer beside me. But the girl was miserable. The dark brown of her eyes mirrored love, patience and pride, but social misery as the boy's voice rose, oblivious to the hundreds seated near, unconscious of everything except his own interest. There was no social rudeness in her attitude toward her brother, no air of selfishness in her humility as she gently pressed his arm and quietly asked him to be more quiet. But she couldn't eat and she was miserable. So I sought her eyes and smiled into them

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### TIMED FIRE with Bill Shadel

To you tournament managers: Just been thinking about the tournaments of the summer, large and small, where such commendable progress has been made in arranging for every detail of range and statistical office. That the shooters appreciate the speeding up of tournament procedure is clearly seen in the attendance figures. But there is one thing that seems sadly neglected. Very few of the tournaments we have attended, have included any arrangements for publicity. The promoters, it seems, have not recognized the fact that favorable press reports can mean a great deal toward the success of the immediate as well as future tournaments. We recall one of the largest tournaments of the east, where, after three days of the meet several reporters of prominent papers dropped in to remark that they had had no notice from anyone that a rifle match was being held. Yes, plenty of copy had been sent to the shooters to get them to attend, but not a word sent to news agencies to properly publicize the scores of these shooters. Perhaps that doesn't pay dividends as directly as registrations, but it seems from this corner, that any representative gathering of marksmen carries a certain responsibility of making the game known to the outsiders and popularizing these meets as much as possible.

Another thing: Oftentimes the reporter that tries to cover the matches for his paper is regarded as a necessary or unnecessary evil. Maybe he does cause some additional work for statistical officers, and he no doubt unwittingly gets in the way, but you must remember that he has a deadline to meet and is trying to get the news while it is news. In contrast to the reception he often gets at our matches, is that of the accommodations and the lavish arrangements made by every other major sport promoter—press box, special score sheets, records and biographical dope on possible winners, telegraph or phone connections, transportation, etc.—above all, courteous consideration with unusual access to records, busy officials and tournament news.

Now, we don't mean to imply that the matches are being conducted for the sake of publicity. The shooter must have first consideration, but at the same time, we need not ignore the chance to curry favor with the outside, just because we see no direct results from that source.

In our plans for future tournaments or gallery matches just ahead then, how about appointing a press agent to work with reporters that may be called in. Someone who can help in collecting scores and write advance copy to attract attention of editors and the public to the matches.

The regular athletic program of the Union Bag & Paper Co. in Savannah now includes pistol shooting both among their civilian hands and police. We can expect to hear from this gang in future tournaments as they get going on their extensive plans. . . The Indiana State Police were a colorful attraction in Savannah as they made their first long haul to a major pistol tournament. Seemed to enjoy it, too, all seven of 'cm.

Not going political but just offering congratulations to one of our riflemen, Governor-elect Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, long time shooting partner of Emmet Swanson, and a former University of Minnesota rifle team member; Perry junior champion in '25 and member of the Dewar team of that year.

### **CLUB SUGGESTIONS**

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and said something about not trying to stop him. The time and the place were created for interests like his to let off steam. He stopped long enough to pass me a rare smile and the girl ate her dinner in comfort.

To the sweetheart or wife who can be a good pal to a man and forget herself for a day or two quite entirely, I suggest you can have a grand time if you go to Camp Perry or other matches with him once-if he asks you. It is an honor to be asked if you do not do any shooting yourself-if you are an outsider.

Maybe you would like to learn to shoot? so and see what happens! But there will be troubles anew because few people are good teachers and your closest friend is often the poorest help you can find. If he is and you still want to learn go to his club or his friends, with him, and they will help you, for all enthusiasts like new converts. Once you catch the spirit of the game you will love it; the spirit, I mean, and perhaps the game.

The man behind the gun is a better man the more targets he fires. The targets the man fires will be better for the helpful cooperation at his Whether it be your shoulder leaves home to go shooting or your shoulder as you help him spot shots or as you fire as his equal on the line in clean competition. husband's mind can be a "house united" as he takes his place with the best men of the country he may not win a medal but he will be a happy boy as he returns to you at night. And he will return to this kind of a wife. Guns and strange women do not mix any more than gasoline and gunpowder.

"There are some new girls on the firing line, boys, and they need some help to understand you. There are two ways to help, the right way and the wrong way. The right way is always the same."-THEODORA B. KERR.

### HOW TO RANK A PISTOL TIE

From inquiries being received in the Washington office it seems that many competitors, as well as some club officials, are confused as to the proper way to rank tied pistol scores, especially in matches that have been fired in two or more stages. The Rule Book covers this in the following terms:

"14-2-In pistol matches fired in stages, ties will be ranked:

(a) By the highest ranking score at the rapid-fire stage,

(b) By the highest ranking score at the timed-fire stage.

(c) By the highest ranking score at the slow-fire stage.

The confusion is in regard to the word "ranking" used in (a), (b) and (c), and as to what effect this word has when applying the rule.

The rule, as published above, requires that if two, or more, competitors are tied in a multistage pistol match with the same total score and the same numerical rapid-fire score that the competitor with the fewest hits of lowest value in rapid-fire ranks on top. For instance—competitors "A" and "B" have finished the National Match Course with totals of 270 each. They both have a rapid-fire score of 94, but all "A's" shots out of the 10-ring in the rapid-fire stage are 9's while "B" has one 8 and four 9's. "A" therefore outranks "B."

In any match scored in five-shot strings it may be necessary to go still further with the rapidfire score before using the timed-fire for tie-breaking purposes. If the two competitors above have six 9's each in the rapid-fire the last fiveshot string value will have to be considered next. In this case the final five shots would be ranked as a separate match-first as to total score value and then as to the greatest number of shots of lowest value.

Should it be impossible to rank the tie by the rapid-fire stage the timed-fire is used under 38 exactly the same method.

In the case of single stage pistol matches where all shooting is either slow-, timed- or rapid-fire, the scores are ranked by first considering the shots of lowest value for the entire match as explained above for rapid-fire. If a tie still remains, and the event has been fired in strings of five shots each, the tie is ranked by considering each five-shot string in its reverse order as a separate match, placing first the competitor with the highest ranking final five shots.

### CHRISTMAS SEALS



### Help to Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

### KNOW YOUR RULES

The wording of two N. R. A. Pistol Rules was changed slightly by the Executive Committee at its meeting in June.

The first is rule 10-10 which states in part

All shots fired by a competitor after he has taken his place at the firing line count in his score, even if the piece is accidentally discharged (unless the bullet fails to leave the muzzle of the gun). . . .

This applies to all types of fire-slow, timed or rapid, so be careful in slow-fire that a shot doesn't get away from you while the stock is being "set" in the hand. A good way to prevent this occurring is to put your left thumb between hammer and frame so that should your trigger finger happen to contact the trigger you will not have an accidental discharge. rules provide that revolvers are to be cocked in timed and rapid-fire only after the com-mand "Ready on the Firing Line" so by obeying this command you assure no loss of points through a shot "getting away from you"

The change in rule 10-15 was found advisable due to the increased attendance at pistol tournaments. Under the former rule scorers frequently found it necessary to take considerable time at the close of each relay hunting up competitors to have them sign their score This, of course, delayed the starting of the next relay. Under the present rule it is up to the competitor to sign his card before either firing or target line as no proleaving test will be allowed if he does not do so.

### THE NEW INTERCOLLEGIATE PROGRAM

The ugly rumor that the National Rifle Association has discontinued the National Shoulderto-Shoulder Intercollegiate Team Championship, the Rose Bowl event of college rifle shooting, is, like the report of Mark Twain's death, to quote that fine old gentleman, "greatly exaggerated."
This match will, as usual, be conducted as a number of simultaneous regional tournaments, with the high team nationally designated as the new Intercollegiate Champion.

A shoulder-to-shoulder individual event will be fired at each of these regional tournaments to determine the National Individual Champion.

However, since college shooting has progressed to the point where teams are no longer having difficulty in scheduling a full season of matches, many of them shoulder-to-shoulder events, and since it is the policy of this Association to encourage such a procedure, the league postal matches have outgrown their purpose of furnishing these teams with enough shooting to keep them occupied. They have thereby been discon-tinued. In their place a single postal match has been substituted which will furnish the chance for teams to compare their ability with others too distant for them to contact, and which still will not conflict with already carefully prepared schedules.

Most of the usual matches, such as the Freshman Team; Women's Team; Men's Individual; Women's Individual; Club Members' Match; and Field Artillery R. O. T. C. Pistol Team Match will be conducted as in the past. There is one important exception, however. The men's course fire with the rifle has been changed to include all four positions, sitting having been added.

Another important addition has been originated, namely a qualification course open only to college students. Information regarding this award and complete conditions of all matches may be obtained by writing to the Competitions Division of the Association.—C. R. ROGERS.

### D. C. M. CLUB NOTE

When a rifle club requests shipping instructions for the return for replacement of unserviceable rifles or other equipment, such instruc-tions MUST be complied with immediately upon receipt, as neither the office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship nor the receiving depots can maintain open files indefinitely.

It is suggested that the club decide definitely, BEFORE requesting shipping instructions, that it wishes to return certain unserviceable property. Every year many sets of unused shipping instructions are returned to the office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship by the various arsenals, thereby causing much unnecessary correspondence.

### **MUSEUM NEWS**

Since the publication nearly two years ago of an article on the National Rifle Association's firearm collection, a number of fine pieces have been added to the arms in the headquarters museum, rounding out the series of evolutionary types as well as adding several historical pieces

Most important was the acquisition last summer of the greater part of the collection of Major Jerome Clark of Ashburn, Virginia. The group includes a fowling piece by John Cosens, owned by James II of England during his short reign (1685-1688), a John Manton fowling piece attributed to the Duke of York, son of George III, a wheel-lock carbine of Pilgrim origin and a superbly decorated Italian presentation rifle, the stock carved with a representation of Venus and Cupid.

Other pieces received recently are a rare French repeating magazine flintlock gun, a flintlock shotgun that apparently was presented by Napoleon Bonaparte to the Marquis Faulte de Vanteaux, a splendid pair of Italian snaphaunce pistols with carved steel mounts, an example of the rare 1807 Harpers Ferry military pistol, a number of 17th century matchlock guns originally in the Fortress Hohenwerfen, near Salz-Austria and, oldest of all the weapons in burg, the collection, an example of the extremely rare Gothic crossbow, the bow itself built up of sinew, wood and horn. The type went out of use at the end of the 15th century. Our specimen probably can be dated about the time of the discovery of America.

In all, the collection has been increased by about fifty pieces. With each addition the collection presents a more complete picture of the evolution and development of projectile arms, with no small share of the romance that their historical associations can call up.

### —so they tell us:

AGAIN, WE'RE SORRY

SIRS:

We boys from Montana would like to have you correct that part of the story ("Perry— 1938," October issue) that concerns the winner of the Pope offhand match.

- Stuart Edmonds, not Edwards, won the match.
- He is a member of the Yellowstone Rifle Club of Billings, Montana, and not from Nebraska.
- He does not use the standard military position when shooting offhand. The enclosed picture, taken in front of our tent at Perry, shows the exact position he uses.



Montana's Edmonds

4. You had the score right.

5. He is not a newcomer to the offhand win column at Perry. In three trips he has placed high in the Navy match twice and now this win in the Pope match on his third trip.

You had a poor reporter out there on the small bore range that day.

Billings, Montana.

GEORGE C. AUSTIN.

● A partial correction appeared in the November issue. Reader Austin, fellow club member of Edmonds, presents all of the facts of this win, nonetheless important though the military position was not used.—ED.

SIRS:

In the Camp Perry write-up, October issue, you state (page 16) that it is probable that Private Glanville, Md. N. G., was high individual in the National Team Match with a score of 98 at 1000 yards. Not to detract from Glanville, but one of our men on the Washington State Civilian Team made a 98 at 1000 also.

HARVEY O. SCOFFELD, Captain, Washington Civilian Rifle Team. Tacoma, Washington.

• The shooter referred to is Jalmer T. Homberg, whose score of 98 at 1000 yards at least equals Private Glanville's run, perhaps betters it by virtue of concluding with 14 straight 5's.—ED.

SIRS

In the October issue of THE AMERICAN RIFLE-MAN you congratulated the California Civilian Rifle Team for finishing in fourth place, and said that this was the first time a civilian team had done so. In the War Department Bulletin of November 22, 1920, "Results of the National Matches," the Massachusetts Civilian Team is listed as having finished fourth, score 3294.

Lt. Col. N. C. Nash, Jr.

Boston, Massachusetts.

AMENI

SIRS:

Yesterday I attended my first rifle shoot. A friend of mine came down and we drove several miles south of here to get to it. We were lost most of the time but after inquiring at all the filling stations on the way and a few farm houses we arrived O.K. with the exception of our radiator boiling over and covering our windshield with a thick heavy coating of rust and old oil. Arriving at the range we parked the

rusty car along the highway and started climbing down a cliff to get to the range. Outside of slipping once and skinning my elbow and steping in a small hidden stream with my best shoes on we arrived O.K. We were now in a cow pasture bounded on one side by high corn and on the other side the cliff, with rifles, blankets, tool boxes, etc., on the near side. I found three inches of room on the end of a six-inch board to sit on and watched several very serious fellows lay on their stomachs and point a gun at some-thing I couldn't see down by the end of the cornfield. Every once in a while someone would shoot and the silence would be broken. Sweat stood on my face and ran down my back, as no air was moving. Sun burned the back of my Mosquitoes stung my arms and chiggers chewed my ankles. Then in the grim silence came a change. The sun disappeared and it became a little hotter, then came the rain. Those fellows laid out there soaking up a downpour. Their pads were soaked, their clothing stuck to them, they were miserable, but the grim business of shooting went on. At last it's over. After gathering two good armloads of wet stuff and wading around in the mud and rain to gather up small parts spilled in the rush and climbing up a slippery, muddy cliff to the car they all go home to spend a few happy hours cleaning and oiling and drying and trying not to catch cold. We arrived home O.K., only the top leaked and all the kids cried.

Yesterday I attended my last rifle shoot.

Lockbourne, Ohio.

J. R. VAUGHN.

1875 VS. 1938

SIRS:

After seeing the shooting positions displayed by John Wark in the November issue, I am moved to call your attention to the fact that



"E Pluribus Unum"



"Erin Go Bragh"

these grotesque stances are by no means new or unrivalled, though they may be original so far as Mr. Wark is concerned. If you will refer to the files of Arms and the Man, predecessor of THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN, you will find the issue of October 23, 1913, headed by three that make Wark's but pallid imitations of the original. Warburton, New York. HERBERT PRAZNER.

 Reader Prazner is correct. Nor can we even claim originality for the pictures as they appeared in "Arms and the Man." They were published in 1875 to commemorate the visit of an American team to Dollymount, England, where we licked our British and Irish cousins, despite bare feet (see illustration). The prints from which the reproductions were taken were discovered many years ago adorning the walls of Hancock's, a famous old saloon of pre-War Washington.—ED.

WE CAN TAKE IT

SIRS:

I am moved to write you a note about what I think of the Rifleman. Frankly, I think it smells. Further, I have been a subscriber for 11 years and it gets constantly worse. I am hunter and rifle nut. I am also a novelist, a sports writer, a short story writer, former news-



"The Oneen's Own"

paper man and professor of journalism. I tell you this to let you know I know something of the writing and editing racket.

Well, anything about rifles is right up my alley, but most of the stuff published in the Rifleman is so terrible that not even I can read it. For God's sake, encourage some people who can write. And for the love of Pete, teach them to take pictures that have some interest. And the titles! Usually they don't say anything. They don't even say what the article is about. What, for instance, does "Vacation Echoes" say? Nothing! The vacation could have been spent making love to a French waitress in Venice for all of the title. I like Elmer Keith's stuff. Other stuff is interesting. Mostly

however, it is so bad as to be almost incredible. What you need, I think, is GOOD stuff on reloading, new rifles and cartridges, hunting stuff all of the way from woodchucks to elephants, with the accent on the rifle, developments in foreign arms and ammunition, interesting dope on old arms and their use. And all to be WELL illustrated.

The person who sold you on the new cover ought to be shot. The layout of the entire magazine is a lousy amateur job and the typography is worse than lousy. The Rifleman isn't made up—it's thrown together by a drunk printer, or so it looks. I used to read it from cover to cover. Now, as a rule, all I can get down is about one article and the ads.

Roberts has something to say, but you ought to retitle his articles! Why not hire yourselves a good professional journalist? Washington ought to have plenty. I'll donate \$5.00 a year toward his salary myself.

Templeman, Arizona

PETER WARNE.

● What Reader Warne apparently wants is any good five-cent magazine. The American Rifleman gratefully accepts his offer of \$5.00, however; will, in fact, give him a two-year subscription for it. No guarantee will be made as to the subsequent disposition of the five. Meanwhile, the comments ament cover, format, et al., will be considered a "reader-vote," though at variance with fully 90% of letters received to date.—ED.

### ATTENTION, TANANA

The response to Tanana's letter in the last issue was both prompt and gratifying. Several letters already have reached us, and by the time this magazine is in the hands of the members, there probably will be others. Unfortunately, our failure to publish Tanana's real name was no matter of policy. We don't know it ourselves. Won't Tanana make himself known, or at least give us a mailing address, so that this mail may be sent to him?

### Tournament Reviews

### SEWICKLEY INVITATION POLICE SHOOT

By scoring 1113 out of a possible 1200, the Detroit Police Revolver Team came through for the third consecutive year to win the Fourteenth Annual Invitation Police Revolver Match held October 12 at the Stonedale Range. The model shooting eround is on the estate of sponsor Thomas Atterbury McGinley. A beautiful warm autumn day provided a perfect setting for the day-long match. Shooting started at 8:30 a. m. with the record string of 46 teams finishing well before dusk.

The McGinley Police Shoot, now the nation's largest strictly Police Competition, saw the Pennsylvania Motor Police Team No. 1 taking second place with a score of 1089 and the West Virginia State Police third place with 1081. T. E. Jones, of the Pennsylvania Motor Police Team No. 1, was individual high scorer with a 281, just nosing out Harry Reeves of the Detroit Team, who placed second with a 281, because of a lower score on the 25-yard rapid. Third place trophy went to Maurice LaLonde of the Detroit Team, who shot a 279. High score honors for Borough teams went to the Lower Merion Township Police, who shot 1068 x 1200. Brady Utz, of the Lower Merion squad, was high individual among the Borough participants with 279 x 300.

Officials in charge of the match included Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin W. Mills, U. S. Army, and executive officer of the National Board as executive officer, F. L. Wyman, F. A. Moulton, F. M. Hakenjos, E. F. Mitchel, Wade Johnston,

and A. H. Barr.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SMALL BORE CHAMPIONSHIP

"Doc" E. C. Hamley of Glendale, veteran of Western rifle ranges, is the 1938 Southern California small bore champion, after ousting Johnny Miller of Los Angeles from the position of title holder. Miller was winner for the two previous vears. All of this transpired at the third annual firing of the Southern California Championship matches, October 8 and 9, on the range of the Glendale Rifle and Revolver Club, where a fivepoint lead gave Hamley undisputed precedence over the field.

Saturday morning, in the initial event of the two-day shoot, Otto Marckman of Pasadena romped home a winner in the 50-Meter Metallic Match. His 397 was a one point lead over Dick Burkhart (by the way, entered as a tyro), and Hamley, who snared second and third awards. The Dewar Any Doubles went to the team of Otto Marckman and "Whitey" Deboer with a 796 total. The final match on Saturday's card, a "Palma Decimal," found Elmer DePew's 291 good for first, three points ahead of H. D. Zaring.

Sunday's events got off with a bang when Hamley slipped into his old stride to pace the Dewar Metallic with the only possible in the Johnny Miller landed in second position, one down, with Bill Ridings' 397 in third. George Rowell of Bell, California, outguessed wind and mirage for a 194 in the Wimbledon, with Elmer DePew's 193 and Forest Tackley's 192 under him in second and third. Short range aggregate honors went to Hamley, his score of 796 bettering Otto Marckman's by four points. A 791 total gave third to Miller. The Long Range Aggregate was Miller's by virtue of a shootoff with Hamley, both of whom had fired a dead heat in the long range events.

The Inter-Club Team Match went to the Los Angeles Rifle Club's four, total 1582. Immediately after the club shoot, a 20-man California team fired over the Dewar Course in a postal match with similar teams representing Illinois,

Wisconsin, and Alabama.

Much to the surprise and delight of Southern California shooters, Major-General M. A. Reckord of the National Rifle Association was appointed representative for the shoot. General Reckord was formally introduced to competing riflemen by the Glendale Club president, Roy V. Hogue. The General then presented trophies and medals to the winners. A stirring and construc-tive speech was given over the range public address system, in which the General pointed out the importance of developing young shooters and the importance of all riflemen in our National Defense program.

Although attending as official observer, General Reckord has made many new friends in Southern California. His visit here has been a pleasure and honor to the shooting fraternity of this state. We trust that he will be with us again very soon. His undivided loyalty and constructive interest in the shooter's welfare will long be remembered among the shooters of Southern Cali-

### SACRAMENTO VALLEY SMALL BORE RIFLE MATCHES

fornia.-WALLY ROBBINS.

The first annual Sacramento Valley Small Bore Rifle Championship Matches at 100 yards were held on the Filtration Range, Sacramento, on October 16. Shooters were in attendance from Sacramento, Lincoln, Stockton, Fresno, Grass Valley, Antioch, Gridley, Acampo, Vallejo, Richmond, Napa, and San Pedro.

The sky was clear and the temperature 75 degrees. A north wind started blowing at opening time and continued all day. With that kind of choppy wind conditions are really tough on our range, where shooting is north against a 25-foot bank. The Mare Island Team, who have won about everything around here this year, couldn't get the right wind dope in the team match and came in behind Capital City No. 2 and Richmond Elks. The Team Championship was taken by the Capital City No. 2 Team, and Capital City No. 1 was the winner of Class B.

The Individual Championship, which was the aggregate score of both individual matches, was claimed by Sam Lear of the Mare Island Team, with E. Schwab of Capital City winning the silver award, and Dave Alves of Richmond in

Medal winners in the Metallic Sight Match on the 100-yard target were: E. Schwab and B. G. Simms, both of Capital City, and C. R. Inman of the Mare Island Team. Class B winners were E. Bryant and Kenneth Pritchard, both of Capital City, and Harry Hoff of Antioch.

Medal winners in the Any Sight Match on the 100-yard International Target were Sam Lear of the Mare Island Team, Bill Stephens of Capital City, and Esther Hull of the Mare Island Team. Class B winners were Dudley Hoskins, Capital City; Dave Kirschenman, Roberts Island Club; and C. B. Smith of Napa.-RAY MURPHY.

### THOUGHTS FROM SAVANNAH

Three new records on opening day mark the first annual South Atlantic Regional and Georgia State pistol championships. Another record set the second day by aviator-pistol expert Lt. Chas. Densford, who flew in from Kelly Field, San Antonio.

Registrations exceeded all expectations, with 128 in for the first day, another additional dozen for the second, and closing out with 147 for the final day.

Lt. Col. L. H. Miller of the Marines, at Parris Island, South Carolina, was an active and affable executive officer. Good news around the range the second day was the word of his promotion to full colonelcy to follow at a near future date.

Captain Clancy and Smitty Brown, plus an efficient corps of workers deserve much credit for the promotion and carrying out of a great program, plus entertainment a la much heralded Special seafood lunches-or perhaps Savannah. dinners—at the range each evening, venison spread for team captains and officials one evening, and a grand finale with dinner, honorable guest, presentation of medals and trophies (a grand display of trophies, incidentally) and dance at the Shrine Country Club.

Back to the shooting-Harry Reeves of Detroit was the outstanding individual; winner of both the Georgia State individual-an aggregate over the first two days individual matches-and the South Atlantic Regional Individual-aggregate of all-around performance, once over the National Match course with .22, .38 and .45. Hemming's second place total was 834 as compared with Reeves' 842. Lee Echols, New York U. S. Customs officer was third—829 and Walter Walsh fourth-825.

The standing of these four and the see-saw among the lower three can be seen by their scores: Reeves was never out of first. In the .38 caliber Reeves picked off a 290; a 282 in the

.22; and a 270 in the 45. Hemming . 284-273-277 for an 832; Echols 272—282—275 for an 829; Walsh 286—277—262 for an 825.

These, in the same order of events as above.

Those new records:-Reeves and Hemming established the most astounding total for centerfire doubles over the Camp Perry Course, Reeves -299, Hemming 298 for 597, a total of twelve points above the previous record held by Wm. Dale and Clyde Sayers, also of Detroit.

Lee Echols added one point to the center-fire timed-fire record, scoring 199. Garfield Huddleston of Ft. Benning, Ga., also joined in the attack on the old 198 record, carding a 199 also, but being outranked by Echols.

John Harmon of Panama City, Florida, set up an endurance record by firing 37 tens in a 25-yard slow fire match. The shoot-off to break the possible also included Harry Reeves and a "tyro," Robert Deyo, a Michigan state trooper who happened in on the shoot during his vacation in Savannah.

Lt. Charles Densford caught the spirit of Savannah competition in the second day—put-ting up a new all-time high score of 196 in the center fire rapid fire match. He thus robbed his shooting partner in the Southwest, R. F. Tate, of San Antonio who had held a 195 for some time, although it had been tied on several occasions.

In the team matches, the Miami police team had things pretty much to their liking. They won the City of Savannah Trophy match with center fire-guns over the Camp Perry Course; also the center fire over the national course. They lost out by a narrow margin of points to the Marines of Parris Island in the .45 caliber four man team.

Reeves and Hemming won all three doubles matches. H. W. Amundsen of Plainfield, N. J., was the only one to win a major (National Match course) event, aside from Reeves or Echols. This was the .22 caliber individual.

Heard more semi-boastful talk among the tyros around the range of having made their qualification scores: they were happy over having a definite goal attained, and having part in the tournament, even tho' the Hemmings and the Reeves and the Echols were out there winning the rest of the events.

### NON-REGISTERED EVENTS

ILLINOIS-State Small Bore Championship. Robert Lafferty, the 17-year-old National Junior Four Position Champion from Aurora. Illinois, proved his versatility as a marksman by going clean over the most difficult small bore course ever used and taking the State Championship. His 700 with 31X's for 20 shots at 50 yards, 20 shots at 50 meters, 20 shots at 100 ards, and 10 shots at 200 yards, is a record that should stand for many years to come. of almost equal importance, his 200 yard score was a 10X possible and part of a string of 13 consecutive X's at that range, a fitting climax to his first year in competitive shooting.

Donald Wilson of the Commonwealth Edison Rifle Club of Chicago took second with a 698-32X. High X count went to E. H. Pierce of Blackhawk Rifle Club, Chicago, who garnered third place with 696-36X. E. K. Waters and Anthony Biagi came in for fourth and fifth. The match received the largest turnout of the year for Fort Sheridan Matches with 87 entering for the full day's shooting. Only 15 aggregate

medals were given, with Lafferty gaining possession of the Lord Trophy for one year.

This event closed the largest Fort Sheridan season in the history of its small bore range. We look forward to continued improvement next season in light of the increased efficiency of operation and improved range facilities.

Big Bore Activity—The State Association closed its Big Bore season with the Bliss Trophy Match at Camp Logan on October 2, and D Course Club Qualifications at Fort Sheridan on October 23.

The former event was won by the Illinois National Guard Team with 3254 for ten men over the A Course. Second place went to Great Lakes Naval Training School with 3247. The Illinois Civilians were third out of the six teams with 3244.

Fifty-three tried out in the Club Qualifications with 12 getting Expert rating and 20 getting Sharpshooter.—F. E. MORGAN, JR.

CALIFORNIA—Legion rifle shoot. Though unfortunately held a bit too soon after Perry, the .30 caliber and small bore shoot staged by the American Legion Rifle Club of Burbank provided a stiff day of competition for those who did attend. The competition, in the persons of Vic Massie (winner of the Camp Perry .30 caliber Legion event), J. O. Miller, L. A. Pope, M. M. Heins, and several others of the West Coast's best shooting talent, made it tough for anyone else who hoped to take home any hardware. The foursome slipped into first place in every event on the schedule, including even the .30 caliber team match, the winning team numbering two of them among its four shooting members.

ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN—The 20-Man Dewar Team Match, staged annually between the neighboring states of Illinois and Wisconsin, was fired October 2 on the County Line Range, when the Illinois marksmen defeated the opposing group by a 14 point lead. The "trophy," a home-made affair of tin-cup-funnel-tin-pan construction, originally an award to the premier alibi artist of the Belle City Club of Racine, will be retained by the victors, who took it last year as well.

The scores of the match were counted also in a quadrangular match between four states, final scores being Illinois, 7909; Wisconsin, 7895; California, 7866; Alabama, 7756. The firing of the California Team was in connection with the Southern California Small Bore Championships at Glendale.—J. R. Weist.

PENNSYLVANIA—The York County Gun Club for the third successive year successfully put over the September 18 firing of the annual York County Shoot, with final reckoning giving the lion's share of honors to the strong Pennsylvania Motor Police group. The state officers not only clinched the first six places in the grand aggregate but won first places in all but two of the major events of the program.

The two events that fell to competitors outside of the Pennsylvania Police organization were those fired on the Colt Silhouette and on the newly designed Geesey "Anatomical" Silhouette targets. Both of them went to District of Columbia shooters, the first to J. B. Layton, the latter to C. F. Thompson.

The shoot, held on the range near Thomasville, proved to be the biggest open handgun tournament ever held in the Keystone state, with a total attendance of more than 70 coming from at least five states. Much of the credit must go to R. C. Geesey of the York Police Department, whose enthusiastic promotion of the pistol game in his state is responsible for much of its present popularity.

NEW JERSEY—Every shooter cannot go to Camp Perry. In order to remedy the situation locally at least, the Hutton Hill Rifle and Revolver Club decided to hold "Stay-at-Home" Matches on the weekends of Camp Perry and to have a variety of matches that would give competition in all kinds of shooting. The pistol shooting program consisted of three matches, National Match, Camp Perry Match, and a Slow Fire Match, and an Aggregate, the total of all matches. The rifle program was somewhat more

comprehensive. The first weekend matches were a Dewar and a Four Position Match at 50 yards. The next weekend of three days was given over to 200-yard shooting in two matches. The last weekend's shooting was on the International target in two 40-shot matches at 50 and 100 yards. The rifle aggregate was the total of all the matches fired during the three weekends. In the pistol matches, H. V. Noble, the ace

In the pistol matches, H. V. Noble, the ace shooter of the Hutton Hill Club, took every first, including the Aggregate, with a total of 768. His 292 in the National Match, followed by 291 in the Camp Perry Course and a 185 at slow fire put him well in the lead from the very start. His nearest competitor was J. H. Chapman of Philadelphia with a 748 aggregate, 275 in the National Match Course, an outranked 291 in the Camp Perry Match, and a 182 in the slow fire shooting.

The rifle events were a different story. It was a nip and tuck fight from start to finish with a tricky wind that held for every weekend, taking a heavy toll at every stage. G. D. Shivers was the first man to register and promptly proceeded to take the Dewar Match with a 398 with 25 X's to outrank Bill Wait's 398 and 14X's. G. Sylvester of Philadelphia took the lead in the four-position shooting with a 187.

position shooting with a 187.

The second weekend brought out the army rifle shooters with a sprinkling of Hornets and Krags. D. M. Carr of the Fort Billings Club led off with a service rifle and on the decimal target made the fine score of 188. Philadelphia came through again when E. J. Watson scored 189-3X with his .22.

The forty-shot matches were fired in a tricky wind that swung back and forth to give plenty of trouble to every shooter on the line. showed that he could dope the wind and held up the honor of the Philadelphia Rifle Club by getting a 390 to take first place. Joseph Andreoli, also of Philadelphia, shooting under the colors of the East Falls Gun Club, outranked Shivers' 382 for second place. Andreoli kept his eye on the ball and led the gang in the fifty-yard match with a 389 for the forty shots. The contest for the Aggregate Match was hot and heavy. Shivers took a good lead with his Dewar score of 398, but his four-position and long range shooting lagged behind so that after the second weekend his clubmate Hubbard was 8 points in the lead. In the 50-yard International Match they were even all, each with a score of 382. Shivers repeated his 50-yard score in the 100-yard International Match, but Hubbard fell to a 371, and Shivers took the Aggregate with a grand total of 1694.

And so endeth the Stay-at-Home Matches. A good time was had by all, and we believe the counterpart of Camp Perry, for those who can't go, is here to stay.—JOHN G. HUBBARD.

GEORGIA—From the pen of O. B. Keeler comes an account of the Macon .30 caliber shoot of October 15 and 16:

Seventy-nine riflemen—one of the largest and certainly one of the finest fields ever assembled in the state—fired in the qualification matches held last weekend at the Holton Range, near Macon, by the Georgia Rifle and Pistol Association. The contestants included members of the Georgia Civilian, Georgia National Guard, and U. S. Army Camp Perry teams who had fired in the greatest rifle competition in the world a few weeks before.

The Navy Match, Saturday afternoon, twenty shots offhand, 200 yards, was won by O. L. Gallman, Calhoun, with a score of 92 out of a possible 100. This won the handsome bronze King Hardware trophy. The "old men's" shoot, ten shots prome, 600 yards, was won by Amos Joshua Browning with a perfect score of 50 plus 6 bulls. Mr. Browning was awarded the McGaughey trophy. In the national match course, Mr. Gallman scored 243 of a possible 250—the highest score ever shot on the Holton Range. This carried the cash award. L. D. Cumming, Savannah, member of the Camp Perry team, won the Beck & Gregg civilian trophy with a score of 231.—Atlanta Journal.

HAWAII—Annual Double-Ten Pistol Tournament. Every winning score over the previous high total in the ten matches was the record chalked up during the two-day program of the second annual Hawaii Double-Ten Pistol Tournament, fired October 1 and 2 on the Punchbowl Target Range, Honolulu, under the sponsorship of the Chinese Gun Club.

The Honolulu Police Team won the first match of the opening day with a score of 1106 for the four-man Camp Perry Police Course event with the .38's. The Oahu Rifle and Pistol Club turned the tables on the police in the .22 caliber four-man team to win the Leong Boo Jeweler Trophy with the high score of 1090. Their four-man .45 caliber team won the C. Q. Yee Hop Trophy Match and set the third record score for the national match course with 986.

The individual matches fired on the second day brought out five champions and seven new records for this competition. Sgt. Dale Frazier started the record-busting spree with a 193 for the center-fire timed-fire match, and by hanging on to a couple of second places and three fourth places in the rest of the matches, took the aggregate with a score of 1382 x 1500. R. W. Miller bettered his old score by three points to win the center-fire National Match with a score of 278. Lt. J. C. Drain, Jr., 21st Infantry, won the .22 caliber Timed-Fire Match with a score of 196; 1st Lt. H. G. Sparrow, 13th F. A., turned in a 285 for the .22 National Match to win; Capt. Richard Mayo, 11th F. A. Brig., dominated in the .45 caliber matches, winning both the Timed-Fire Match and the National Match with scores of 190 and 266 respectively .-SGT. D. T. W. YAP.

INDIANA—The Shelby County Pistol Team paced the twelfth yearly shoot of the Indiana Bankers Association, held September 25 at Fort Benjamin Harrison. All told, 211 entered the competition. The vigilantes from Shelby County, with an aggregate best three-man total of 599, won first team prize in the morning and went on to make a clean sweep of the team events by winning the rifle shoot in the afternoon with 582. Clarence Northam of Shelby County took individual honors by winning both the rifle and pistol stages with scores of 204 and 196.

INDIANA—The National Muzzle Loading Championships, thanks to E. M. Farris and a handful of others interested in reviving interest in the old-timers, turned in a record performance for 1938—a record both in the number of shooters who are turning to the old charcoal burners for relaxation, and in the number of records broken at this year's meet. One hundred sixty-four turned out for the matches, held at Rising Sun, Indiana, October 7, 8, and 9.

Best performances of the shoot were those of Lloyd Bender and Walter Grote. Bender's was a ten-shot possible with 9X's at 100 yards—not bad with any rifle, and doubly so when the event called for a muzzle loading rifle, prone, metallic sights. Grote, the muzzle-gun wizard of Canton, Ohio, bettered his own record in the Brockway Memorial Match by shooting a ten-shot group at 220 yards that measured just 9-15/16 inches, string measure. This was more than 3 inches clipped off of his former record.

NEW YORK—New long run at 1000 yards. Not so many years ago, 1921 to be exact, the Camp Perry story, published in Arms and the Man, began with the statement that "Long range shooting is in chaos," for that year Sgt. J. W. Adkins, Leatherneck team member, had won the Wimbledon with the incredible total of 71 consecutive bulls at 1000 yards. The next year, Camp Perry's matches were shot on a modified target in which a new innovation, the "Vering," was present.

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All of which leads up to the remarkable scores of two rifemen fired October 16 at Peekskill, New York. To begin with, Walter Shaughnessy, Roslyn Rifle Club member, sent 90 consecutive shots into the 5-ring to hang up a total that seemed far beyond the reach of any competing rifleman for a long time at least. The surprise of the day came when Sam Tekulsky, nominally a small bore shooting member of the Roosevelt Rifle Club, borrowed a rifle and scope from another competitor and proceeded to better Shaughnessy's record by piling 99 of them into the

target, finally going out on his 100th shot. Both Tekulsky and Shaughnessy used .300 Magnum arms

CONNECTICUT-The Norwalk Rod and Gun Club held its first open small bore rifle matches on September 11. Fifty shooters turned out on a fine day to compete in the eight scheduled events. A. E. Sharp of the Outers Club, Mt. Vernon, New York, won both aggregates, and O. Kolb, also of the Outers Club, was the most consistent Class B shooter, taking first honors in his class in the metallic 50-meter and the any sight Dewar. G. Parkins of the Bross City Rifle Club, Waterbury, Connecticut, topped the Class C men in the same matches. I. S. Smith and S. W. Church of the home club won the two-man team event. The match was registered with the Connecticut State Rifle & Revolver Association, and, of course, the Connecticut classification system was used.

PENNSYLVANIA-Lehigh Valley small bore championships. With a strong tricky wind blowing and swishing the bullets t, Lawrence Bittner, of Germansville, topped a field of representative small bore shots of the East at the 7th annual Lehigh Valley small bore championships, fired October 1, over the range of the North End Rod and Gun Club.

Bittner, slight of build and very calmly doned the wind conditions and between puffs of wind, which neared gale proportions on the hilltop where the range is located, managed to nose out his nearest competitor only by his steady holding, which gave him the advantage Bittner, a member of the Bear Rock Rifle Club, is employed as a machinist at the International Motors. Along with the title, he also takes possession of the beautiful Sears-Roebuck trophy, adding another name to the long list of winners engraved thereon. The matches were conducted by the Bear Rock Rifle team, the The matches rifle branch of the North End Rod and Gun

MINNESOTA - State handgun championship matches, fired September 24 and 25 on the Fort Snelling range, ended with the aggregate going to George W. Paine of St. Paul, whose total of 749 paced the entire field. A Tyro olis and the State Individual Championship was won by G. H. Paris of Duluth, who scored 284 over the National Police Course. The Tyro State Individual fell to Fred W. Scott, Minneapolis, with a 270 over the course. Team matches went to groups representing the Reserve Officers and Border Patrol

The Northwest Gun Club of Duluth had a most successful day, taking the Civilian team match and then going into the State Champion-ship Team Match with 1066 x 1200 for first place. Team members were G. H. Paris, Arthur Arnston, E. J. Olson and J. Haughland .- C. B. MELROSE.

LOUISIANA-The Pelican Club of New Orleans for their fourth year put on a combined rifle and pistol shoot, this one held October 2. An innovation in this tournament was the scheduling of a tyro event in each class, which, to the surprise of the sponsors of the match, drew a greater number of entries than the open events. Of the 86 that competed in the tyro rifle match, E. M. Smith of Minden, Louisiana, came in for first with a 197 score for the 20 The Dewar iron sight match went to shors. W. H. Womack, Shreveport shooter and winner of many open events, for his 397 total.

The first of the pistol events fell to Ben Kellet with a score of 170 for the 20 shots, slow fire. The open event had a surprise finish when first place was taken by Charles Kinkaid, who that morning, in tyro status, won second place award in the Class B event.

### COMING EVENTS

4: Pistol Association of Arizona Matches to be held at Phoenix. Sponsored by the State Pistol Association of Arizona. For programs write C. Howard Hathaway, P. O. Bin 71, Tucson,

### CALIFORNIA

\*December 18: Southern California Pistol League Match to be held at Los Angeles. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Revolver League. For programs write Lt. J. A. Bartley, Police Headquarters, Los Angeles,

\*December 18: San Francisco Traffic Revolver Monthly Match to be held at San Francisco, Cali-Sponsored by the San Francisco Traffic Revolver Club. For programs write E. J. Dutil, 324 16th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

### FLORIDA

\*March 8-12: National Mid-Winter Small Bore Rifle Tournament at St. Petersburg, Florida. Sponsored by the Florida State Rifle Association. programs write T. F. Bridgland, 225 Fourth Street, North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

\*March 14-18: National Mid-Winter Pistol Tournament to be shot over the Tampa Police Pistol Club Range in Tampa, Florida. For programs and match details write C. A. Brown, Box 253, Tampa, Florida.

### MARYLAND

January 27-28-29: Second Annual Gallery Tournament to be held in Baltimore, Maryland. Sponsored by the 110th Field Artillery Rifle and Pistol Club. programs write Captain Norval H. McDonald, 608 Medical Arts Bldg., Baltimore, Maryland.

### NEW YORK

\*January 21-22: Niagara Frontier Indoor Small Bore Turnament to be held in Buffalo, New York. Sponsored by the Buffalo Revolver and Rifle Club. For programs write C. M. Bickers, 187 Leroy Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

\* Indicates Registered Tournament.

### STOLEN GUNS

RIFLES-1 Winchester Carb., Mod. 94, .32 W. Spl. No. 1175415; 1 Winchester octagon bbl. Mod. 92 or 86, .50-100; 2 Winchester Mod. .03, .22 auto.; 1 Winchester, single shot, heavy bbl. curly maple stock and fore-end, .25-35; 1 Savage, Mod. 99, .38-55; 1 Savage, Krupp bbl. matted rib. Mod. 99T, .22 Sav. H. P.; 1 Springfield, sporter bbl. with Enfield trigger guard and magazine plate. Mod. 03, .30-06, rec. blued; 1 Krag, Cal. 30-40, 15982; 1 Marlin, curly maple stock and fore-end, Mod. 93, Cal. 32 Spl. L502; 1 Marlin, Mod. 39, Cal. 22; 815609; 1 Stevens, Mod. 70, Cal. 22; 1 Swiss army, Mod. 78, 197548.

SHOTGUNS-1 Fulton, double bbl., 168859; 1 Fulton, double bbl. Ga. 16, 168344; 1 Winchester pump, Mod. 12 skeet, Ga. 20, 737156; 1 Ithaca, double bbl. Ga. 12, 150275; Autom. made in Copenhagen, Ga. 12; 1 double bbl. shotgun, Damascus bbl., Ga. 12. Revolver-1 Colt "Army Special", .38, 300872. BINOCULAR-1 "Adar" made in Germany by

Rodenstock. MICROMETER-1 1" Micrometer, Starrett. Notify Otto Neubrand, 311 Oak St., Buffalo, N. Y.

.38 Colt Army target revolver, No. 300192. Notify Eugene Seltzer, 138 West Main Street, Norristown, Penna.

Colt Police Positive .38, 398574; Colt Ace, 7144; Colt Woodsman, 61/2", 124205; another, 112954; .25 Colt auto, 402041; .38 Colt O.M., 609573: K-22 Outdoorsman, 663784: .38 Colt New Service, 345709; .38 S. & W. M. & P., 2", 668103; Colt Woodsman, 4½", serial unknown. Stolen from warehouse of Thompson Hardware Co., Topeka, Kans. Notify E. C. Kieswetter.

S. & W. .38 Outdoorsman Target, sights blued, 53371; .22 Hi-Standard Automatic, Model D, blued, 34361. Stolen from Leo F. Shortsleeves, Montpelier, Vermont.

Stolen during September, 1938; Smith and Wesson .38/44 Outdoorsman, 41714. Notify Dr. T. C. Harper, 541 West 2nd Street, Reno, Nevada.

Stolen at Hartford Rifle and Revolver Club match, Farmington, Conn., October 16: Colt Woodsman, 61/2" bbl., special aluminum grips, 97990. Charles R. Gerlach, 18 Mallory Street,

### CHALLENGES

The Oneida Rifle Club desires postal matches with other teams in their class (about 1840-1860) under the following conditions: 50 feet, N.R.A. rules, four position, 10 shots each position, ten shooters with five high to count, any sights and scores exchanged. Contact H. P. Nodecker, Secretary, Kenwood Station, Oneida, New York.

The Belle City Rifle Club of Racine, Wisconsin, wants postal matches with rifle clubs, three positions, five high to count. Scores or targets to be exchanged. Address Wes Hansche, 2025

Taylor Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Irvine Rod and Gun Club would like postal matches with any team in the United States who will permit 20 or more men to fire, scoring 10 highest. Fifty feet, any sights, 20 shots per man offhand or 10 each offhand and prone. Address S. E. Brown, Secretary, 417 East Street, Warren, Pennsylvania.

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### OBITUARIES

K. K. V. Casey. The Great Scorebook was closed for another of that little group of long range riflemen who not only made American shooting history but who had much to do with the remaking of the American arms and ammunition industry, when Major K. K. V. Casey died at the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, on October 18th.

Never willing to accept the established order of things until his own investigation had satisfied him of the merits of existing practices, Casey was constantly experimenting and urging experimentation in everything having to do with the shooting game. In his younger days an ar-dent and intelligent handloader, Major Casey remained to his death a proponent of the theory that the encouragement of intelligent handloading was beneficial to the game as a whole. He was largely responsible for the square bullseye experiment which was tried at Camp Perry sev-While a firm believer in the eral years ago. necessity of training and individual marksmanship, he viewed this as an essential first step only, and the original Infantry Match musketry prob lem as fired at Camp Perry was based largely on his suggestions.

His interest in small arms originated in his experiences as a member of the 71st New York Regiment in the Santiago Campaign in Cuba. He was a past master of the vagaries of the Krag at long ranges, and his endless experiments with the effect of wind velocities and temperature and humidity changes on the Krag and its ammunition served him well when the Springfield came into being as the principal National Match target

Major Casey was a member of the Palma Teams of 1902, 1903, 1907, 1912 and 1913. He was Team Captain of the Palma Team in 1923. He was a member of the American Olympic Team in 1908. He won the Wimbledon Cup in 1902, 1907 and 1908, the only man to have accomplished this feat since the turn of the century. In 1908 he also won the Leech, being the only modern rifleman to have won the Wimbledon and the Leech in the same year. He won the National Individual Military Championship of the United 1904 and the States in 1903, the Spencer in Thurston and Hayes Matches in 1905.

His long practical experience as a shooter and his restless study and research enabled him to contribute a great deal to the development of boat-tail ammunition and progressive burning powders. He was one of the earlier proponents of the gilding metal-jacketed bullet as a means of eliminating the once familiar but now almost

unknown cupro-nickel fouling.

As a team coach, Major Casey had few equals, He entered the service of the DuPont Company in 1905, having attracted the attention of Colo nel J. G. Ewing, then the head of the Rifle Smokeless Division. By a strange trick of fate. Colonel Ewing's death was reported in the November issue of THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN, concurrently with the notice of Major Casey's death.

Major Casey worked in the Smokeless Powder Operating Department until 1911, when he was transferred to the Military Sales Department, under the late Colonel E. G. Buckner. He became manager of the Rifle Smokeless Division of the DuPont Company in 1914. At that time a Major in the Pennsylvania National Guard, he took his battalion of Infantrymen to the Mexican Border, resigning his commission when the outfit was turned into a Field Artillery Regiment.

Throughout the World War his services to the DuPont Company and the War Department were invaluable and in 1921 he was appointed Director of Military Sales.

He was a long-time Director of the National Rifle Association and member of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.

A little known side of his character was his interest in music. He played the flute and bassoon and was an active member of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

Despite a painful infection growing out of an ingrowing toenail, Major Casey attended the meeting of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice at Camp Perry during the National

Matches this year. He was hospitalized shortly after his return to Wilmington, and it was so found necessary to amputate one leg just below the knee. He rallied and appeared to be on the road to recovery following the operation, but the infection had spread too far and he died shortly before 11 P. M. on October 18th.

Funeral services were held in Wilmington, but interment was in the 71st Regiment San Juan Burial Plot at Mt. Hope Cemetery, New York.



K. K. V. CASEY

### From a photograph taken about 1909

Mrs. E. C. Crossman. Over the last High Pass of The Great Divide has gone one of the finest characters in the whole history of American shooting. A keen, capable, out-of-doors woman and hunter, Blanche Crossman was at the same time primarily a home-maker and devoted wife and mother. One of the nation's top-flight shots both in the game field and at targets, she was also one of the West's better known musicians. She possessed to an amazing degree that unusual quality of being essentially and fundamentally feminine, yet being able to mingle with men on the firing line and in the hunting field on a friendly, man-to-man basis-a combination which made her universally welcome, universally admired from the music salons of Hollywood to the Club House at Sea Girt and the ranch house in Oregon. She sang as a soloist and in the choirs of many churches and was the leader of several choirs. She was well known in the concert field and sang for years over the major Los Angeles radio stations.

She broke into the shooting game at a time when it was supposed to be a "man's game" and shot her way onto the first American Dewar Team that competed over the present 50 and 100 yard course-that was at Caldwell in 1919. At Detroit in 1937 she tied for the Women's Skeet Championship but dropped into second place on the shoot-off.

Prior to the World War she had made several foot and pack trips into the "back country" in Oregon as well as at least two trips into the lower California sheep country.

Returning from a dove hunt near Palm Springs, California, on Saturday, October 15th, the automobile in which she was riding was struck broadside by a truck during a blinding dust-storm. Mrs. Crossman suffered a broken neck. For several days there was hope that surgical skill and her great heart might pull her through to eventual recovery, but she died in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Los Angeles on October 21st.

John W. Harrington, for many years an official of the Harrington & Richardson Arms

Company, and the man responsible for many of the features of the now popular line of H. & R. target revolvers, was found dead of a bullet wound October 17th, at his home in Worcester, Massachusetts. A pistol was found in his hand. He was 58 at the time of his death.

Mr. Harrington was actively associated with the beginnings of the company. He was the son of its founder, Gilbert H. Harrington, and brother of Edwin C. Harrington, who survives as the president of the company.

Harrington was not particularly active among shooters, as far as attending tournaments, but in his occasional contacts with the pistol game he became one of its best liked personalities. His entire life was spent in an atmosphere of burning powder. At 17 he gave up school, entered the business which his father, Franklin Wesson and William A. Richardson had started Since 1921 he had held office as treasurer of the company.

Frederick A. Jordan. Although not widely known by name, every shooter and outdoorsman in America is familiar with Fred Jordan's wideflung accomplishments in wildlife restoration, accomplishments that will go far toward ensur-ing an adequate supply of furred and feathered game for the generations to come. Through work with the Peters Cartridge Company, Through his vice president of the agency which has handled the Peters advertising in recent years, he became intensely interested in the future of game shooting in the United States, and devoted much of his life to his self-chosen endeavor.

On his own time and at heavy personal ex-pense Jordan threw himself into the job. He worked tirelessly for years, helping establish an appreciation among sportsmen of the necessity for well planned program of wildlife restoration. He was the activating head of the whole program for National Wildlife Restoration Week, which was observed so enthusiastically throughout the country last spring. He was personally respon-sible for the wildlife stamps sold so extensively to aid in building up a special fund for the continuation of this fine work.

Due largely to his hours of strenuous effort in promoting this work he suffered a severe nervous collapse and retired to his country home in Connecticut, where he passed away suddenly and

quietly early last month.

Kenneth Fuller Lee. To all who were readers of the outdoor and shooting articles bearing the by-line of Kenneth Fuller Lee, the news of his death will come as a shock. But 44, Mr. Lee was stricken with a heart attack on August 11 as he practiced fly-casting near his summer home at Lake Maranacook, Maine, preparatory to his expected entry in the Maine Guides Casting Tournament.

Mr. Lee was well known to AMERICAN RIFLE-MAN readers through the numerous articles included in the magazine, most recent of which was "Spring Bear on Bald Mountain" in the His other writings included February issue. material which has appeared in nearly every outdoor magazine, a newspaper column, "Out-door Maine", and a book on firearms, not yet

For years a Maine resident, Mr. Lee made a serious study of the conditions and the needs of Maine in regard to game and worked industriously for laws that would protect Maine sportsmen and assure their game supply in future years. His was a fortunate combination of interests. He was himself a true sportsman, interested in every branch and skilled in many. Being as good cameraman as a rifleman, he looked at from both angles-that of the hunter and naturelover. His past training as a newspaper man added to his splendid qualifications as an outdoor

Shirley K. Breese, 49, died suddenly at his home in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, September 18. Mr. Breese was one of the organizers of the Chambersburg Pistol Club and one of most active members. During the past year he served as secretary of the Cumberland Valley Pistol League, which he also was active in organ-Having been prominent in shooting izing. throughout the Cumberland Valley, he will be missed by a host of friends thus acquired .-WILBUR H. OVERCASH.

The .220 Swift on Big Game. any encouragement from its makers, who very properly recommend the .220 Swift only for varmint shooting, it has been successfully used on all American game excluding only elk and Alaskan Brownies. This survey includes Mexican big game and Scottish Stags on which latter the Swift proved very effective with Smith om Loads. On American elk it was only Custom Loads. 50% successful.

I. B. Smith reported the instantaneous killing of a Vermont black bear by the shock imparted by the impact of the small Swift bullet on the beast's hambone alone. We killed a Texas white-tail at over 300 yards on a high shoulder shot with the .220 Swift, and reported more than two dozen other successes with its piffling missile on deer, the very first season. Most of these effec-tive results were obtained at reasonable ranges free of intervening brush, but many kills were made at fairly long range and a couple of them made through thick brush were included in our report (published in the Dope Bag, March 1937).
Walter F. Day, official of the Seattle Police

Revolver Club, has adopted the .220 Swift for his annual big-game hunt in British Columbia. He loads it down to 3200 f.-s. to avoid excessive destruction on deer, and says none hit has run over 33 yards. At 125 yards, he tried the Western 48-grain on moose hitting high behind the shoulders and dropping it dead. Bullet "ex-ploded" on hide but blew out 3 inches of backbone, leaving a cavity. Similar effects were obtained on a 220-pound mule deer hit low, broadside, at 100 yards, and making a 2-inch hole. Both were in thick brush.

Up to this time practically all reports have praised the killing power of the .220 Swift on species for which it was not intended. We have tried to keep open-minded in the matter, but we continue to recommend this caliber for varmint shooting and not for big game, all evidence to the contrary notwithstanding. To back us up, comes a letter from Donald S. Hopkins, who speaks from experience as a big-game hunter but who gives only opinions on the .220 Swift which he has not put to the actual test. His long letter is quoted, in part, immediately following:

"It is with considerable concern that I notice the seeming attempt of the American Rifleman to encourage the use of the .220 Swift as a Big Game Rifle. Whether this encouragement is deliberate or whether it is merely due to the desire of the editors to give a fair hearing to the views of the admirers of this new ultra high

speed caliber, I do not know.
"My belief has always been that the American Rifleman has had as one of its chief aims the sponsoring of clean killing of big game and the use of cartridges of adequate power to accomplish this purpose under all conditions, and to avoid wounding of game animals and needless

"I have never used the Swift as a big-game rifle, but have had some experience in practical ballistics and killing power in the game fields of North America, and I doubt if the .220 Swift will prove adequate for big game under any conditions except certain ideal ones at fairly close

"Let us consider the use of the Swift at close ranges. In this situation we generally find our game in a brushy country where the bullet may encounter numerous twigs or sticks. Under these circumstances it seems that the Swift will frequently blow up badly if it hits brush or twigs, and will fail to penetrate or deliver the energy that is necessary to kill game cleanly. Recently one of my friends shot at a crow when it was shielded by a few pine needles and twigs. The distance was about sixty or seventy-five yards. He told me that the bullet had reached the crow as if it had been a shotgun charge. Both legs of the crow were broken, the neck broken, and the body was perforated by numerous small pieces of bullet. If a deer had been shot at under like conditions, the .220 Swift would certainly not have killed it quickly so that the hunter could have secured the animal.

"Last spring I was forced to shoot at a grizzly through a screen of willow brush, notwithstanding that my own experience and the words of my guide counselled against taking the shot at the bear in that position. The distance was not over sixty or seventy yards. Although my front sight centered the bear's shoulder when I pressed the pin, the bullet was deflected considerably by the brush, in spite of the fact that I was using a .276-Dubiel, 170-grain bullet, which bullet has excellent sectional density. The bullet hit the bear just under the backbone, penetrated from a point a foot to the rear of the shoulder forward, and came out of the top of the neck, killing the bear almost instantly. Under those conditions, I question whether the .220 Swift would have performed adequately and killed the game, because it would probably have broken up to a great extent on the brush before reach-

ing the bear.
"The only deer I ever hit and lost, escaped, I am convinced, because my bullet was deflected from its point of aim or shattered by brush. The deer was running almost broadside at a distance of about fifty yards through thick brush. When the trigger of the Springfield was pulled, the front sight was resting on the front part of the animal's shoulder. The 150-grain bullet staggered the deer, but he recovered and got out of sight without giving me a chance for a second shot. I have always felt that too light a bullet traveling at too high a speed was responsible for causing needless suffering and killing a fine game animal uselessly. I was almost positive that this bullet was deflected or badly broken up by brush. If this bullet intact had hit the buck anywhere in the shoulder or lung cavity, he would not have gone off wounded to die. After that unfortunate experience I determined never to use a light high speed bullet in brushy country again.

"Ask my friends Elmer Keith, Ray Mustard, Earl Olmstead, or Andy Simons, or any of the boys who have lived in game countries all their lives, and have seen many hundreds of heads of game killed. Every one of them will tell you that, for brushy country, the most reliable bullet is one of fairly heavy weight that does not travel too fast, because a light fast bullet is too apt to break up if it hits a twig. Charlie O'Neil even refuses to make up his .250 O'Neil as a big-game gun because he feels that it is not effective as a big-game cartridge on account of its very lightweight, high-speed bullet. George Ball, of Tele-graph Creek, told me that he had once shot five shots from a .250-3000 rifle at a bull moose which was screened by some frozen twigs. After that the moose walked into the open, and he killed it by shooting it in the neck. The only killed it by shooting it in the neck. bullet hole in the moose was the hole in the

"The Swift is designed to break up quickly on impact so that it will not glance readily. If a bullet like a .250-3000 Savage can be shattered by a few twigs, or if a 150-grain Springfield bullet or even a long slug, like a 170-grain, .276 Dubiel, can be deflected, is it not reasonable to assume that a short 48-grain bullet traveling at a velocity of 4000 feet a second will be so readily shattered that it will not prove to be a generally reliable game cartridge in brushy country? My experience and that of my friends leads me to believe that such an assumption is correct.

"Let us now examine the ability of the .220 Swift as a big-game killer in open country. The average shot in open country at sheep or goat or caribou or deer, will, I believe, be taken at close to two hundred yards or better. Fully half of the game heads hanging on my trophyroom walls were shot at over two hundred yards. What is the velocity of the Swift at this average, open-country, game-range? It is not this ultra-high velocity of 4140 feet per second that the Swift followers boast about. It is just 2760

feet per second. Now, I cannot conceive of 48-grain bullet traveling at 2760 feet per second being such a whale of a killer on big game. At this same distance of two hundred yards the 180-grain Springfield bullet is traveling about 2300 feet per second although it started at only 2720 feet per second. I really think the boys are rather optimistic when they state that a 48grain bullet at 2760 feet per second is equal in killing power to a 180-grain bullet at 2300 feet per second.
"When Randall Mattern and I used to shoot

together, he always insisted that it was not the initial velocity that counted when one considered velocity in relation to killing power, but that it was the velocity at which the bullet was traveling when the game was struck that counted. That is where the Swift bullet falls down in open country. It does start with terrific speed, but on account of its shortness, lightness, and poor sectional density, it loses this speed so rapidly that its potential killing power is not very great when it reaches the spot where the

"In our camp on the Teslin River, Lou Decker yanked me out of my tent at six o'clock one morning and pointed out a big bull caribou. Had I been carrying a .220 Swift, I should have been forced to try to kill that caribou by hitting him with a 48-grain slug traveling about 2300 feet per second; for that caribou was three hundred and thirty long paces away. It was a good thing that he was being hit with 180-grain slugs boring into him at about 2100 feet per second velocity.

"I wonder if that big bull moose in the Cassiar would have stopped if I had been peppering him with (2550 f.-s. velocity) 48-grain bullets as he ran along that draw just at dusk about two hundred and fifty yards away from me? I doubt it, don't you?
"'Don, I don't believe he'll go 43 inches, but

I'd bet he's over 42 inches,' Ray Mustard whispered as we peeked over a high ridge on the Blackstone River at an old ram and his bunch of Satellites. When a couple of .276 Dubiel slugs that weighed 170 grains hit him at a speed of 2300 feet per second, he waited right there until we put the tape on him to find out. Maybe that head would be in the taxidermist shop now if I'd had to stick a couple of 48-grain, 2500 f .- s. pellets into that old ram, but I would not bet much on it.

"I once killed an old billy by watching my bullet make dust puffs below his hoofs in the slide rock. Then by holding higher and higher, and killed him. Since my gun was carefully sighted point blank at two hundred and fifty yards, that old goat must have been well over four hundred yards away. I am sure that a 48-grain, .220 Swift bullet out at that distance where it was traveling only about 2000 feet per second, or less, would not have bothered him much.

"Therefore, I must conclude that the .220 Swift is not a good big-game cartridge under average conditions in open country. It may well be that the .220 Swift is a fine killer on big game when the game is close at hand and in the open, when the velocity of the bullet is still very high, and when there is no brush to interfere with the bullet. However, my own ex-perience leads me to believe that these ideal conditions do not happen very often in the game fields of North America, and therefore, I must conclude that the .220 Swift is not an ideal big-game cartridge since it is not effective under average hunting conditions.

"I have killed about eighty head of North American big game with a .256 Mannlicher, a 7-mm. Mauser, a .300 Savage, a .30-30 Win-chester, a .30-'06, a .350 Magnum, and a .276 Outside of polar bears, walrus, and antelope, every variety is included.

"I am a great believer in high velocity in order to secure flat trajectory, but this high velocity isn't much good at the muzzle only. It's got to remain high out at two or three hundred yards to be effective in killing. My American game in open country is a bullet of about .2845 inches in diameter (7-mm. caliber) weighing about 160 to 170 grains. It should start at a muzzle velocity of about 3400 feet Then at two hundred yards it second. would still be traveling approximately 3000 feet per second if the bullet is well shaped, and at three hundred yards it would have a remaining velocity of about 2800 feet per second. At that distance it would have a velocity of 360 feet per second more than the .220 Swift and the bullet would weigh over three times as much. Now I believe that is what a real high velocity North American big game rifle should be. If I can ever procure that rifle, I'll stick to it for big-game hunting above timber line.

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"Such a bullet would be fine for open country. However, I am sure that a 180-grain bullet or 200-grain bullet of the same caliber traveling not over 2600 or 2700 feet per second would be a more reliable bullet in a brushy country.

"In view of the facts, let us not go overboard on the Swift as a big-game rifle suitable for all conditions, but class it where it belongs as a most excellent cartridge for small game and pest shooting. The last thing to be done by anybody is to encourage the use of cartridges of inadequate power on our game."—DONALD S. HOPKINS.

The very same month we received a letter from Wilbur Gallinger, of Alberta, Canada, which reported some long-range antelope killing with the .220 Swift. They were poorly hit at an average range of 400 yards, but the small .22-caliber bullet kept them down. Mr. Gallinger's letter follows: in parts.

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"Last fall they opened the season for a couple of weeks on antelope in Southern Alberta, so I went down to have a whirl at this, so me, new game. Took the standard Model-70, Winchester .220 Swift along for a rifle. Have a Zeiss Zielklein in Redfield mounts on it. While it makes a fine glass in the bush can't say I was overly enthusiastic about it for antelope at 400 yards. Will take the heavy rifle and Super-Targetspot next time.

"Must say that the .220 Swift more than lived up to expectations, as both of my antelope were killed at long range and in a stiff wind, one just over 400 yards and the other just under. Both were sloppily hit, too far back, but went down pronto and stayed down. Was using the Sisk 55-grain and 38.5 grains of 4064 with graphite wad. This bullet seems to delay opening just about the right amount for bigger game but doesn't seem to give a very satisfactory 'burst' on crows."—Wilbur Gallinger.

### TRADE DOPE

Quick Sight Gauge for adjustable Colt front sights was sent in by J. O. Lewis of Spring Street, Catlettsburg, Ky. A spring clamp, operated by the thumb and two fingers of one hand, allows it to be quickly slipped over the front sight, and it holds itself. A glance at the check mark on its face plate gives the shooter the important information at once.

The check mark is obtained by marking the face plate, with knife blade or scriber, after carefully adjusting the front sight for the chosen load at the chosen range. A mark for 50 yards can be supplemented by another for 25 yards on any shorter range. The face plate is divided in the middle so that separate marks can be used for two different calibers. The two columns are stamped ".38" and ".22" for this purpose. Extra face plates make it possible for two shooters to record their individual adjustments for the same gun or for two different Colt revolvers.

The face plate contacts the face of the front sight and the horizontal line is scratched opposite the top of the sight once properly adjusted for a permanent record. The same exact check on Colt elevation adjustments can be obtained with a mike, but the latter is too slow for use on the firing line, whereas the Lewis gauge is quick enough to prove practical between strings, i.e.,

when moving from 50 yards to 25 yards in a and 100-yard velocities of typical ammunitions, match.

Another Portable Bench Rest is commercially available at \$18.50, complete with seat and packed for shipment at San Francisco. This is the Northwood model, made of wood, adjustable, foldable and equipped with a permanent handle for convenient carrying. It weights slightly under 20 pounds. It will be furnished by Fred Mielke, Jr., 60 Corona Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Newcomb Portable Bench Rest is now made of aluminum and weighs about 22 pounds. Our own Newcomb is the original made of scrap iron and twice as heavy. We have found it serves well for two-hand revolver shooting with center-fire revolvers. The .38 Special gave better 50-yard groups from this rest than it did from our machine rest. Our five-shot groups were good enough to definitely distinguish good loads from the fairly accurate, and the latter from the poor. Sold by H. S. Newcomb, 58 State St., Vineland, N. J.

New Technical Books and bulletins of 1938 are listed by the Chemical Publishing Co., 148 Lafayette St., New York City. Complete lists are available by writing to the address above. Some of possible interest to N.R.A. members are: "Technology of Solvents" by Dr. Otto Jordan, \$10.00 book, "Utilization of Fats" at \$6.00, "Metal Coloring and Finishing" at \$5.00, "Steels for the User" at \$8.50, "Chemical Analysis of Metals and Alloys" at \$6.00, "Light" at \$2.50, "The Elementary Principles of Lighting and Photometry" at \$4.25, "Optical Measuring Instruments" at \$7.00, "Applied Optics" at \$6.00, "Principles and Practice of Lubrication" at \$7.25 and "Technique of Modern Welding" at \$6.00. There are also a number of Monographs at \$1.25 each, and of Technical Bulletins at \$1.00. When writing for these lists ask about their group offers.

Custom Jackknife for outdoorsman is made entirely of Chrome-Vanadium tool steel, by A. C. Cornelison, Scottsboro, Alabama, at \$6.50. There are sticking and skinning blades, %16 x 1 x 3½ inches. Length closed, 4½ inches. Weight, 8 ounces; number of parts, four. Alloy, 100-point carbon steel with 20 vanadium and 1.40 chromium. Purpose of design, great strength, durability and reliability for explorers and other outdoorsmen who must depend on their pocket knife miles from chimping points.

Leather Arm Cuff for the shooting sling has come in from Ray L. Funk of the Speed-Clip Company, 2217 Harding Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. It will also be available from Richard Stam the cheek-rest man of Rochester, New York, who was its co-developer. Price, \$2.00. It is closed about the upper arm with a small buckle. The sling passes through two metal "D" loops, but not around the arm, and this one requires no sling cutting. In the loops it resembles the J. D. Buchanan arm band.

Hickory Cleaning Rods, smooth, round, tough and flexible, are available, in different lengths and calibers, from Lorin Granger, Weyer-haeuser, Wisconsin. We have used one of the smallest and most limber in our .22 rifles for some time, and find them O. K. when the patch is small. A tight cleaning patch requires a rigid rod. Our principal interest in these hickory rods is for long muzzle-loading rifles. They can be had over 40 inches long at \$1.00, up to 40 inches at \$0.75, and up to 28 inches at \$0.50 each. All calibers from .22 to .45, inclusive.

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and 100-yard velocities of typical ammunitions, from the .22 Lovell to the .45-70. It also sugests a very definite and accurate method of determining elevation angles by targeting, and it tells how velocity can be determined by such simple shooting methods. More importantly, it lists all the Universal Ballistics Charts which are available (75 cents each) from the above firm. These cover the determination (for all loads) of trajectories, time, elevations, windage, bullet buoyancies and coefficients, respectively, in addition to those previously mentioned.

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Upon my suggestion Mr. Geist has charted the square root, to save the amateur mathematician from the troublesome process of extracting the square root, with which necessary step ballistics computations are commonly involved. As a consequence, I now feel that I can freely recommend his muzzle-velocity chart to the average rifleman.

Yankee Specialty Tools. W. Rohorbacher, 851 E. 6th Street, Erie, Pa., is the successor to the Yankee Specialty Co., formerly of the same city. He has favored us with a list of his products and services. Special or custom work is featured. Standard products include: a vertical reloading tool, Model "C", at \$8.00 for one caliber and \$3.00 extra per added caliber; a heavier (16 pounds) Model "D" reloading tool at \$17.00 for one caliber and \$3.00 extra per added caliber; a heavier (16 pounds) Model "D" meloading tool at \$17.00 for one caliber and \$3.00 extra per added caliber; single-cavity and double-cavity bullet moulds, \$3.00 to \$6.00; dies for making gas check cups, \$4.50; full-length shell resizing dies, \$2.00; bullet lubricators, \$5.00; bullet resizers, \$2.00; bullet swages, for increasing the diameter or changing the nose shape of jacketed bullets, \$6.00. Get his circular.

Speed Safety for M-54 Winchester is made to order (about \$5.00) by H. B. Reagan, Big Spring, Texas. Its purpose, once properly assembled, is to provide the hunter with a fast, "touch" safety, operable while grasping the grip and trigger, in anticipation of a sudden shot at unexpected game. It might fill the bill for this particular purpose on one of the old model Winchesters. The best buy we've seen for the new model Winchester (M-70) is the Tilden Ideal Safety at only \$2.50. Under our scope sight it has proven to be as convenient as any tried.

Cole Sling Keeper is neat, compact, sturdy and adjustable to all 1½-inch slings. It is clamped securely by a turn of a wide, flat thumb-screw without marring effect on the leather. This Cole Sling Keeper is a new one in black-finished metal at \$1.00. Very similar to another screw-held keeper already on the market. Made by Cole Products, 132 North Riblet Street, Galion, Ohio.

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New Potter Reloading Machine has been received from the Potter Engineering Company. It is a modification of their Duplex Reloader in .38 Special caliber, and it automatically seats primers by the action of the sliding head. The standard model with a hand lever for separate seating of primers will be continued. The new one will cost \$40.00 with powder measure.

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New Weaver Type B Mount is a bridge mount, of a design radically different from his previous mounts. On the gun it resembles the Redfield, Jr., and the (twin) Albree Monomount. In fact, Albree discarded a design of this nature while he was developing his present finished product. The new Weaver mount uses two separate bases, small and neat and at some distance apart, for a longer base. The other difference is that Weaver clamps are more readily

detachable.

On the M-99 Savage the front block is on the receiver hood and the rear base is on the receiver just back of the ejection port. On the M-70 Winchester the rear base is on the bridge and the front base is on the barrel just forward of the receiver. This brings the Weaver 330 scope back to the top tang or behind it. To clear the safety completely, if it is desired to have the eye-end forward of the lever, the cheaper 333 scope must be used, or the Albree mount must be used with this better Weaver 330 scope. Another advantage of the Albree mount is that it utilizes the factory screw holes, whereas the Weaver mount requires drilling and tapping of the rifle receiver, or both barrel and receiver.

This new Weaver Bridge Mount is the neatest and most attractive of all his creations, and it looks very good to me. After trial I hope to be as willing to praise it, because this Type B mount in connection with the internally-adjustable 330-S Weaver hunting scope will make a very neat, very practical and very economical outfit. No adjustments in any of these mounts mentioned above, except the Redfield, which is adjustable laterally, for azimuth. Write makers for particulars.

M-70 Bull Gun of Winchester make comes through remarkably at 1000 yards in .300 Magnum caliber. Two were used in the 1000yard Metropolitan with W. R. A. loads and gave long runs in strange hands. Walter Shanessy of the Roslyn Club borrowed his friend's outfit, never previously fired at any range, and he ran 90 consecutive bull's eyes in this 20-shot match. Then Sam Tekulsky borrowed Major Hession's rifle and dropped out on his 100th shot. With his sighters that gave him 106 consecutive bull's eyes at 1000 yards, using borrowed equipment! Sam had 100 plus 79 bulls in the official match score. Shanessy had 100 plus 70 bulls. Other perfect scores were made by: Gus Schweizer, 100 plus 37 bulls; Paul Landrock, 100 plus 28 bulls and by J. L. Orr who had 100 with one extra bull's eve.

Metal Shooting Case. Designed by John C. Moore and co-developed by Allen Sayrs and purchasable from either, at The Superior Chevrolet Sales Company, No. 4124 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, a full-size, sheet-steel shootingkit, leaves little to be desired on the part of any small-bore rifleman. In fact, we were loathe to send this one back after using it at two small-When we did, we had to distribute bore shoots. its contents between two other kits to obtain equal space or accommodation.

It is 26 inches long, 73/4 inches wide and 71/4 inches deep. Bisected lengthwise and hinged in the middle, it opens flat, the base and top thus forming equal sections and both resting on the ground to take any strain off the three hinges. The base part has 3 thin steel partitions which form one big compartment, 26 x 4½ x 3½ inches, and three compartments 3¼ inches wide. The top-half, opened, has a hinged metal cover secured by a latch. When opened, this cover exposes two rubber-covered holders for the target scope, which folds into a long compartment, 26 x 4 x 31/2 inches. I found this same compartment would also take my tube sight. The two partitions also form two shorter compartments over a foot long and 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches wide. These compartments will take about everything a shooter needs and very conveniently so. Even the bulkier spotting scopes, stand slings, arm bands and loading blocks are easily accommodated.

The steel partitions serve as reinforcements of this strong steel case. A folded construction is used, the flat bends or folds adding strength. This is one of the best cases we have seen from the standpoint of convenience and availability of contents, and it is probably the strongest as well. A good selection for protecting valuable equipment. It is also neatly finished (in crinkle black) and trim. The detachable leather handle is securely fastened. This one will not come off inadvertently from the strain of a heavy load.

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The disadvantages are heavier weight and greater noise for this strong metal construction.

The price is also slightly higher than that of the lighter and weaker fiber case, or about \$8.00 for this one. It does not have a key lock, but only two snap locks. These should be amplified.

### LETTERS

Game-Caliber Choice-I am contemplating a trip to Canada after moose, and maybe black this fall, and wish some information.

I have a Russian 7.62-mm. and a .30/40 Krag rifle, and want to know if either of these guns is O.K.

What ammunition to use and drop of bullet at different distances, when sights are set at maybe 50 yards, to 300 yards and 400 yards.

How about the Peters banded bullet? I am afraid it will not expand enough to really stop a bear or moose. It has been suggested to me by a gun man.

What kind of sights are best suited? How about a hunting scope? Especially in dark background or at twilight?—C. M. S.

Answer: Of your two rifles, the .30-40 Krag is the better. Since you might get some longrange shots in Canada I would suggest an aperture or peep rear sight, without eye cup but with the large stem-aperture only, and a silver or gold bead with a flat face or a square, flat-face, gold-tip front sight. A low-power, wide-field hunt-ing scope, in hunting mounts, with a flat-top aiming post would also be excellent.

the 220-grain Soft Point or 225-grain Belted bullets. Adjust your sights at 200 yards so that from hunting positions (sitting) the center of your group is where you hold the top of your bead or the top of your aiming post. Your group will then center about 41/2 inches above the point of aim at 100 yards. However, you should shoot from standing at 100 yards, and then you may find you shoot lower and can use the 200-yard sitting adjustment effectively. Your group should fall about 16 inches below aim at 300 yards and about 52 inches below aim at 400 yards. However, you should shoot from prone with a forestock or left hand rest at these long ranges and then you may find that your impacts will be slightly higher and that you will then not have to hold fully 16 inches or 52 inches high at the two longer ranges, respectively. Also see the bulletins on big-game loads.





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Regarding Metal Fouling-I have a case of wartime .30-'06's marked Frankfort, and Rock Island, also U. S. '17 & '18. I have shot some of these cartridges in an Enfield M-17 and they seem to fire all right. Will they harm the barrel of my N. M. Springfield? That is, as

to metal fouling and corrosion?

How shall I clean the barrel after using them, if they are fit to use in this gun?

I am now using F. A. '35 cartridges. Can you give me the M. V. developed by this load, or if it isn't too much trouble, the elevations to be used when firing up to a thousand yards? This is the regular M1, 172 grain, 9° BT bullet.



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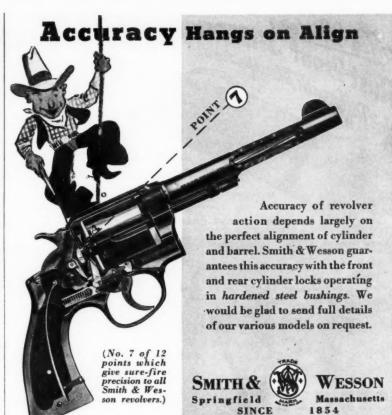
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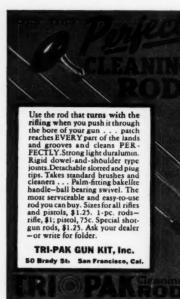


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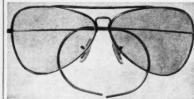




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